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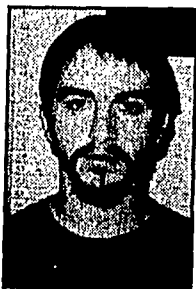
Suspects to appear in court

Two 20-year-old men charged with the murder of a Midway Shop & Hop clerk are scheduled to appear in the Andrew County Circuit Court Tuesday, Feb. 16.



Travis Canon

...in court Feb. 16 for murder...



Philip Baldwin

...in court Feb. 16 for murder...

Former Northwest student Travis Canon is scheduled to appear in court at 9 a.m. He is charged with first-degree murder, first-degree robbery, armed criminal action and unlawful use of a weapon. He is being held in the Buchanan County Jail on a \$1 million bond.

Philip Baldwin, former Northwest student, is charged with second-degree murder, first-degree robbery and armed criminal action. He is being held in the Andrew County Jail also on a \$1 million bond. Baldwin will appear in court at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 16.

Also charged for the murder of Gracie Hixson, 56, Fillmore, is Brian Campbell, 20. His jury trial is scheduled for April 20 in the Andrew County Circuit Court under the same charges as Baldwin. He is also held in Andrew County on a \$1 million bond.

Clinton loses to Republicans

Just one day after greeting Pope John Paul II, President Bill Clinton lost his battle in the United States Senate to have his impeachment trial dismissed.



Bill Clinton

...impeachment trial proceeds...

Clinton and the Democrats lost by a vote of 56 to 44 Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

Even with the loss, the Democrats showed an impeachment vote of 66 or two-thirds will be unlikely.

The Senate also voted to allow more testimony from Monica Lewinsky and will call two other witnesses.

Negotiations are underway for bipartisan agreements for the remainder of the trial.

Democrats and the White House are hoping for and end to the trial by mid-February.

University plans celebration

The following events have been planned for Black History Month. For more information on any of the events, call the multicultural affairs office at 562-1367.

Monday, Feb. 1: Black History Hall of Fame, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Garrett-Strong Foyer

Wednesday, Feb. 3: Julia Hare, 7 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

Thursday, Feb. 4: Georgia Mass Choir, 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center; cost: \$8 orchestra, \$6 balcony

Sunday, Feb. 7: Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Community of Faith Baptist Church

Monday, Feb. 8: "A Higher Place in Heaven," 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center; cost: \$10 orchestra, \$8 balcony, \$6 children 3 to 13

Friday, Feb. 12: Movie Night, 7 p.m., Hudson Hall lounge

Tuesday, Feb. 16: Joycelyn Elders, 8 p.m., Hudson Hall lounge

Thursday, Feb. 25: Alliance of Black Collegians, fourth annual talent show 7:30 p.m., Conference Center; cost: \$2

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Bacteria taints meat, kills 12 people

by Laurie Den Ouden
Community News Editor

Four companies have recalled meat within the last month after detecting listeria bacteria in their products.

The most recent recall included 30 million pounds of hot dogs produced from July 6 to Dec. 30. It was announced Friday by Thorn Apple Valley Inc. The recalled products include anything with "EST 13529" and "EST P-13529" on the packaging, said Fred Von Behren, Maryville Hy-Vee director.

The Agriculture Department said tests revealed listeria in five of 20 sample products collected from the Thorn Valley plant.

One elderly man in Kansas City, Mo., became sick after eating deli meat from Oscar Mayer Foods, and the Agriculture Department tests showed the listeria bacteria in the meat samples, so Oscar Mayer recalled

two types of luncheon meats.

Twelve people nationwide have also died and three women have had miscarriages in connection with hot dogs and deli meat produced by a division of the Sara Lee Corp.

Boswell Foods Inc. recalled 350 pounds of "Dinner Bell" Virginia brand cooked ham, with sell-by code: Feb. 18, 1999, and marked with "EST 2587" on packages.

The listeria bacteria is found in soil and water and causes listeriosis, which normally is not contracted by healthy people, said the Centers for Disease Control. The most apparent illness from listeriosis is meningitis. Symptoms include high fever, severe headaches, stiff necks and nausea.

Listeriosis is most dangerous to pregnant women, often causing miscarriages and stillbirths and can be fatal for those with weak immune systems, including infants, the elderly and those with chronic diseases.

Von Behren said Hy-Vee has an effective way of notifying stores about the recalls.

"The company has a procedure where the Food and Drug Administration or the packing company will e-mail us almost instantaneously," he said.

This is Hy-Vee's way of making sure the meat is pulled from the shelves and destroyed as soon as possible. The store did not destroy any meat in the store due to the most recent recall, because the products were no longer on the shelves. Von Behren said either the meat was discontinued or had already been sold.

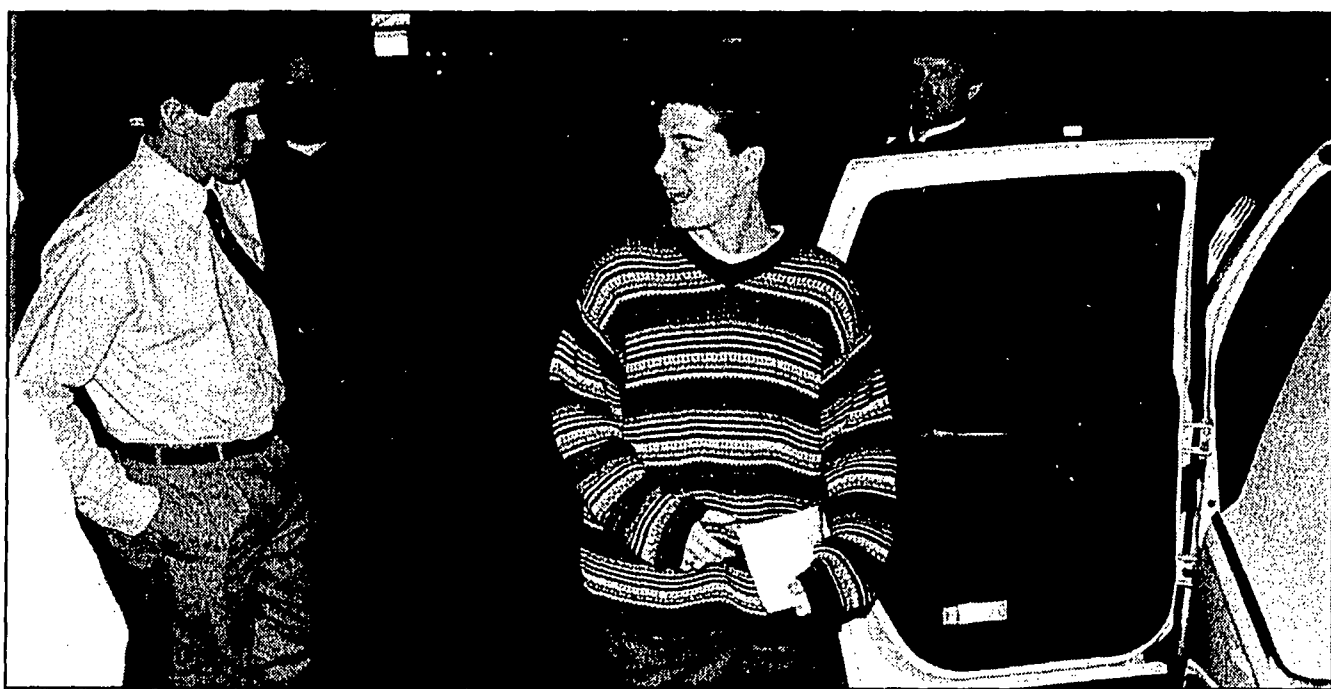
Customers who discover they have one of the recalled products can bring it back to the store they purchased it from and receive credit.

"We don't even question the customer even if it isn't the right date because people just aren't comfortable," said Von Behren.

Recalled food sold locally

What was recalled?

- 9 oz. Oscar Mayer Club Sandwich Variety-Pak dated Jan. 12
 - 10 oz. Oscar Mayer All American Variety-Pak dated Jan. 12
 - 12 oz. Corn King Franks
 - 1 lb. Corn King Jumbo Franks
 - 4 oz. Hy-Vee Snack in the Box, bologna and turkey
- What should I do?**
- Do not eat the meat.
 - Return the packages to the store where purchased for a full refund.
- Questions?**
- Call 1-800-433-9362 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.



New rushees were picked up and taken home in style in a white stretch limousine from a Tau Kappa Epsilon spring Rush event

Tuesday night, TKE signed three new rushees during the evening. Bids will be signed until Feb. 26.

Greeks seek members

by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

Spring fraternity Rush officially began Wednesday and bids can be signed until Feb. 26.

Bryan Vanosdale, coordinator of campus activities, said Rush for this semester started off well for fraternities.

"From all indications, spring Rush will do very well this semester," Vanosdale said. "There seems to be more guys rushing this year than in the past semesters."

The amount of pledges this semester is satisfying for Vanosdale as compared to the first semester.

"I am pleased on how things are going, and I know things will turn out positive," he said.

Heath Burch, the Sigma Phi Epsilon rush chairman, is satisfied with the way things are going this year and said the number of men coming through has been a vast improvement from last spring semester.

"Things are going great for us right

now," Burch said. "The numbers for last semester were down but seem to be increasing this semester."

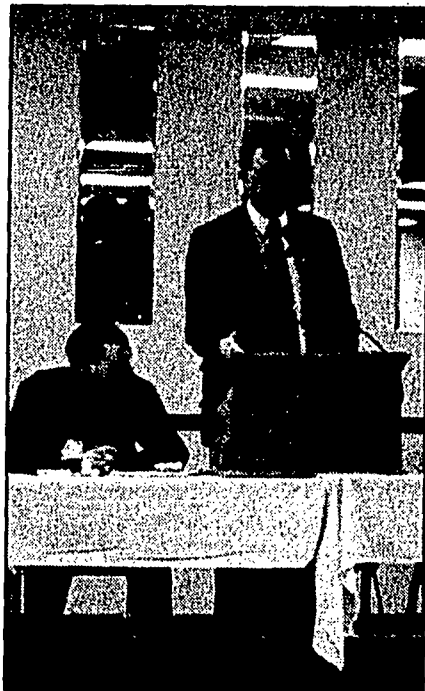
Burch also said the amount of people going through is not the most important for his fraternity, but being able to meet with new people and making them feel comfortable about the environment around them.

"If a person is undecided about what they want to do, we are not going to pressure them into joining," he said.

Bill Koile, the Alpha Gamma Rho rush chairman, agreed with what Burch had to say by saying the way the count of pledge members has gone up makes him happy to see because of a sluggish night at the opening forum.

"We have had a pretty good start for Rush," Koile said. "There was a very low count opening night at the Conference Center, but I have made around 44 phone calls to guys that may be interested in rushing."

For more information on Rush, call Vanosdale at 562-1535 or contact any of the fraternities.



Tau Kappa Epsilon adviser Russ Northrup speaks to rushees at Country Kitchen.

Spring Rush raises sorority numbers

by Michelle Murphy
Missourian Reporter

For women seeking to join a Greek organization, the Delta Zeta's and Sigma Alpha's will have a spring Rush. Compared to the hustle of the fall Rush, spring Rush will have a more relaxed atmosphere.

Traditionally, sororities only hold a spring Rush if their total number of members falls below the normal level. The projected total is a number established through the National Panhellenic Council. Sororities normally will fall under the total in January after a December graduations according to Bryan Vanosdale, campus activities director.

"The spring Rush is something the

sororities can have the opportunity to do, they don't have to do a spring Rush," Vanosdale said.

Sigma Alpha has always had a spring Rush to maintain their numbers.

"We usually don't have the numbers up, so in order to maintain our numbers we hold a spring Rush," member Ronda Rushton said. "Our spring Rush is similar to fall Rush except the activities are different because of the weather. During the nights that rush is held, we have anywhere between five and 20 girls show up each night."

Sigma Alpha's spring Rush began on Tuesday. The first week is informal; girls meet and are introduced to members. The second week during bids is formal.

"The girls wanting to rush don't have

to go the first week but we prefer if they do," Rushton said. "On Feb. 1 and 2, rush is formal and we pass out our bids."

For the Delta Zeta's, spring Rush increases their numbers to replace the members who have graduated.

"Several girls have either graduated or will be graduating, and we just want to give other girls the opportunity to fill in the open spots," Alicia Johnson, Delta Zeta's vice president of members, said. "We are just trying to promote more of a year round Rush. With the informal Rush there will be no pressure."

This is the second time Delta Zeta has had a spring Rush. Delta Zeta will be holding their rush until Jan. 28, and will sign bids until Feb. 2.



Crystal Beckham

...injured in car accident...



Tiffany Gregg

...injured in car accident...

by Josh Flaherty
Chief Reporter

Two Northwest students were involved in an accident Jan. 15 in which they, and one other person, were injured.

Crystal Beckham and Tiffany Gregg, both freshman at Northwest, and Erynn Atkinson were driving on U.S. Highway 71 when Beckham lost control of the vehicle.

"I took my eyes off the road for a split second and over corrected," Beckham said. "That's when I lost control."

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol report, the car rolled several times and landed on its wheels in a field. Gregg and Atkinson were ejected from the vehicle.

"I remember thinking while we were flipping, 'Please don't let us die,'" Beckham said.

All three were taken to Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Beckham suffered a broken collar bone and crushed nerve endings. Gregg was not wearing a

seat belt. She suffered a fractured shoulder bone and two broken pelvic bones.

"After it was over, I was thinking, 'I'm going to die,'" Gregg said.

Both Beckham and Gregg are unable to return to school this semester. They plan to continue their education at Northwest. Gregg is currently enrolled in two online classes.

Beckham and Gregg are both members of Phi Mu and Student Senate. Gregg also serves on the Student Disciplinary Committee.

National champs celebrate

by Mark Hornickel
Sports Editor

It will be impossible to say there is nothing to do in Maryville this weekend since the Northwest athletic department is honoring the National Champion Bearcat football team.

"It should be an exciting weekend," athletic director Jim Redd said. "It's an opportunity for the entire athletic department to say thank you to the community and the fans for all of their tremendous support last season and it's a time to share team and individual accolades."

The two-day event includes autograph sessions and opportunities for the players and coaches to speak.

In addition, Sunday's program will feature the premiere of the 1998 Bearcat Football Highlight Video.

The celebration will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday when players and coaches will be available for autographs at Bearcat Arena. During halftime of the women's basketball game at Bearcat Arena, Maryville Mayor Bridget Brown will present a city proclamation in honor of the Bearcats' football season.

Players and coaches will be available for autographs again at approximately 7 p.m., prior to the men's basketball game. The national and conference championship trophies will be presented and there will be remarks from head coach Mel Tjeerdma and senior captains Chris Greisen, Steve Coppinger, Brian Sutton and Aaron Crowe.

Sunday's gala will begin with the Bearcat Tailgate Party at the Conference Center at 11 a.m.

Then at 1 p.m., fans can move to Bearcat Arena for a championship rally. The rally will begin much like a Bearcat football game, whereas the Bearcat Marching Band will enter the arena and march around the track.

Also, Ken White, director of communications and marketing and public address announcer for Bearcat football, will announce the football team.

Two large screens have been brought in to show the special highlight video of the football season and the song "Sweet Home Alabama" has been rewritten and changed to "Bearcats and 'Bama" in honor of the Bearcats championship season.

The show will last about two and a half hours, said John Yates, head cheerleading coach.

"We're just going to let the show flow and have fun with it," Yates said. "We'll have people out of there in plenty of time to go home and watch the Super Bowl."

The celebration will be the cap to what has been arguably the most memorable season in Bearcat football history.

The team earned its third straight MIAA championship en route to the school's first national championship and becoming the first team in NCAA Division II history to have a perfect 15-0 record.

Football team to be on KQ-2

Bearcat fans may want to set their VCR. Members of the national championship football team will appear on KQ-2, channel 2 this weekend.

The "Cats will be featured on "Nodaway Update" which airs Saturday at 6 p.m.

Senior quarterback Chris Greisen, junior receiver Scott Courter and senior safety Brian Sutton will appear on the half-hour broadcast, which will also include video taped interviews with other Bearcat players.

"Nodaway Update" is a monthly public affairs program produced by the news department and is a must-watch for fans. The program airs the last weekend of every month on KQ-2.

OUR VIEW

Students should attend events

Thousands of dollars every year are budgeted for University entertainment, which is not always taken full advantage of by students.

Bryan Vanosdale, coordinator of campus activities, books plays, ballets, musicals, comedians and concerts for Northwest students and Maryville residents.

The poor attendance at last week's comedy performance caught the attention of some, causing them to wonder why the University spends so much money on these events if no one is going to take advantage of them.

It gives students something to do that they can enjoy, Vanosdale said. Five dollars is nothing compared to what a person in Kansas City would spend for the same type of show, he went on to say. We do not do it for profit, we do it for the students, Vanosdale said.

Some shows are sell outs. Sometimes the audience loves the performance; sometimes it ends up a waste of money.

For instance, last year when David Spade came to campus, the University flipped over \$29,000 for him to leave the audience wondering when the comedy was coming.

Kevi Rogers and Todd Sawyer are two college circuit comedians that were compared by students to big shots like Spade and referred to as being even funnier in some aspects. The only differences: the price and attendance.

College circuit comedians cost the University about \$2,500 each, which is a fraction of what was spent on Spade.

Attendance is the other difference. Vanosdale said that he did all he could to publicize the performance last week, but students just don't seem to be interested. The show was covered by KDLX, *The Northwest Missourian*, and flyers and posters were placed all around campus.

These comedians are just like any other; they may be rising stars. You have to remember that Spade, Jerry Seinfeld, Brett Butler, Bill Cosby and Eddie Murphy all started in stand up comedy. That is where these comedians are at right now. Look at it this way, if you see these acts now, later in life when the performers are known across the board you will have the memory of seeing them in college.

Students must take advantage of the service provided by the University and attend the performances. It is a great reason to ask that special someone out on a first date. Plus, it's cheap and entertaining.

VIEWPOINT

Resident encourages board to take action



Don Pivral

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Residents of Nodaway County, it has been well over a week since we have heard anything from the ambulance board about the dismissal of one of the best, and will always be the best, coordinators we have ever had, George Duff.

A lot of us are very interested in why Mr. Duff was dismissed. So far, we have not heard anything. I asked the question at the meeting about when we would know. After asking about three times, the board told me that we would eventually find out.

We all went there for a purpose: to find out what had happened. Why was Mr. Duff expelled from his job?

I think it is only fair to get an answer from the board. As tax paying citizens, we are entitled to that.

Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey said that if there has been any criminal action or civil action, then Mr. Espey should know about the criminal act against Mr. George

Duff, our ex-coordinator, he had better be notified. I don't think that you had better back up against Mr. Espey. He is a man of his word.

If I understand the law correctly, it states that anybody who is accused of anything is innocent until proven guilty. In this case, it appears that the board has already sentenced George Duff. They found him guilty because no one received an answer. We want to know why.

A lot of people have a high level of respect for George Duff as a coordinator. There is no doubt that he should be reinstated unless they can find a solid reason to the contrary. It is not fair to us and it is not fair to Mr. Duff.

They said they wanted to make this a home to raise their children. Maryville has become a home to so many, including myself and all of those people who stood up for Mr. Duff. I think that he should be reinstated now and not later.

I heard some good speakers down at the meeting the other night. They all had a valid point and it was brought out very plainly so that everyone could understand it.

Fellow citizens, let us demand an answer to the question of "why?"

Don Pivral is a former Nodaway County ambulance board member.

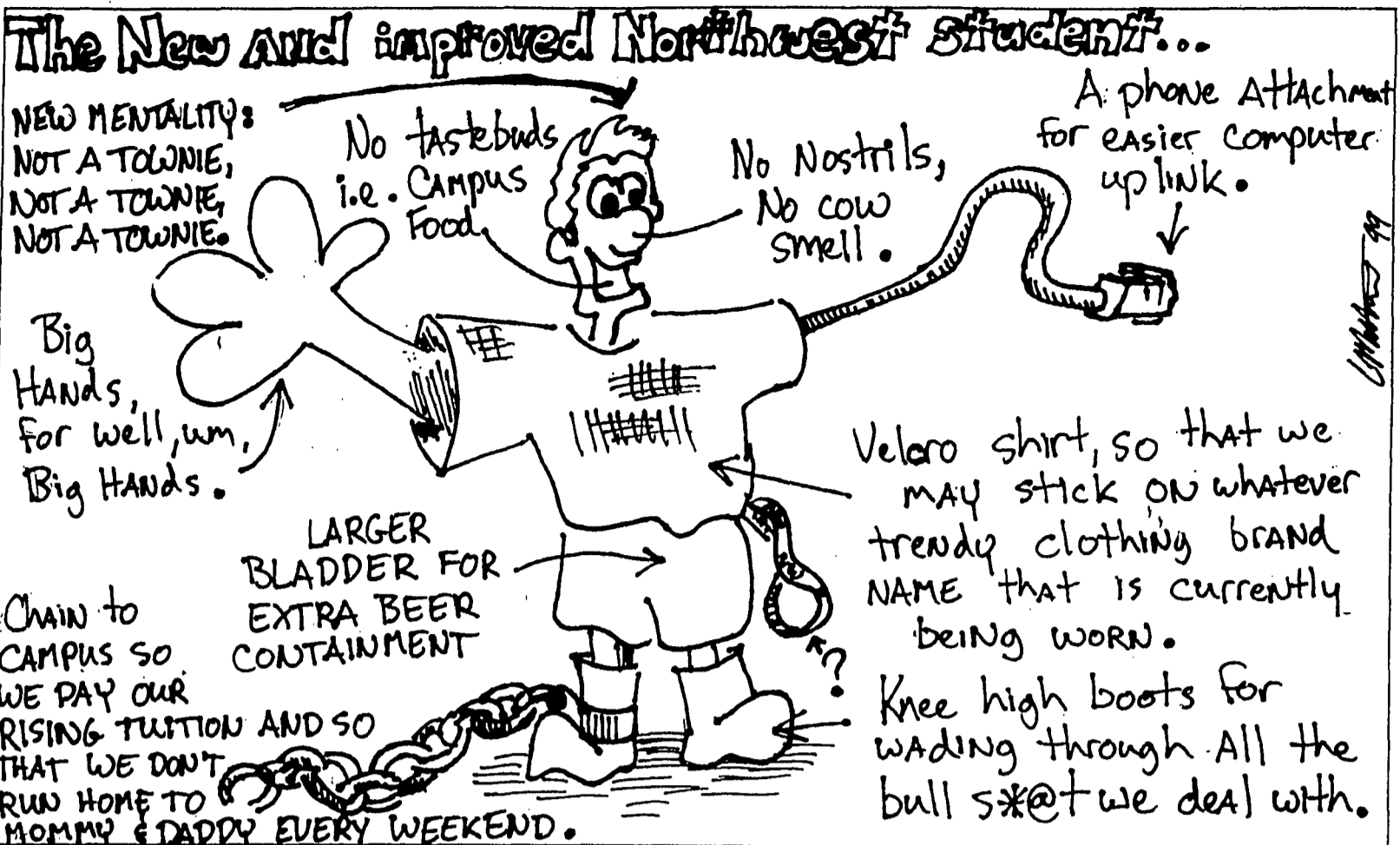
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Words cannot express the tremendous amount of support we have felt from our family, friends, the students and staff of the Maryville R-II School District, the University and the community these last weeks. The words of the Reverend Paul McKim and Dr. Don Childers offered us much comfort

both at the hospital and during the service. Your contributions to the memorial, the flowers, the food, and, most of all, your presence, have helped us manage through a difficult time. All of these have been such a tribute to Karl. We will never forget your thoughtfulness.

In appreciation,
Jo Ann, Maria and Mike Nannings



MY VIEW

Super Bowl predictions:
'Dirty Birds' favored to win

Wendy Broker

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Sports reporter analyzes current state of college professional athletics

OK. It's been awhile, but when else would be such a prime time to get back to writing columns. Yes, I know the Super Bowl is coming up. But before I talk about that, there are a few other things on my mind.

Jordan has left the NBA and George Brett was inducted into the Hall of Fame. We've all heard about that. But what is the deal with our favorite teams having sub-par seasons?

I mean, how could MU beat the perennial power that lies in KU basketball? Sure, it's not the old days of Steve Woodberry, Alonzo Jamison and such, but they still have Ryan Robertson, right? And how could the Jayhawks lose at home? We trashed MU on their court, but couldn't hold up in our own house Sunday. Where did we go wrong? Look in the rankings — we're non-existent. Very non-traditional for KU.

But off my soapbox. Something else is missing, Dennis "the worm" Rodman is confused. Is he a basketball player, the once leading board-getter for the Bulls, or some second rate movie star or, worse, a professional wrestler? Don't get me wrong, he was good in "Double Team" with Jean Claude Van Damme, but I don't think he should give up what could still be a promising basketball career. OK, so he is un-retired, but still. Whoever winds up with him, will not have the caliber of co-stars he found on the Bulls. This bad boy needs a home — a good one.

And now, the Super Bowl. Yes, I know, everyone expects me to jump on the Denver bandwagon. Sorry to

disappoint, but I'm cheering for the "Dirty Birds." Who could cheer against coach Dan Reeves, who, despite heart surgery, is out there on the sidelines making his team great.

The man has history. He's been to the big game eight times before and he has a lot of bad blood with Mike Shanahan and the Broncos' horse-tooth "I should have retired years ago" quarterback.

For another thing, what kind of team turns from 3-13 to 14-2 in two years and knocks off the predicted Super Bowl champion Minnesota Vikings in the NFC championship game? That team, the Falcons, is bound for glory. The train they are riding is destined to end with a stop to pick up the Vince Lombardi trophy on the way out of Miami.

These birds are definitely people to be reckoned with: 38-year-old kicker Morten Anderson still has it. Youngster running back Jamal Anderson can definitely make some noise. Four-time Super Bowl veteran Cornelius Bennett will add some experience, and don't discount quarterback Chris Chandler. The Broncos may have Shannon Sharpe, Terrell Davis and 38-year-old John Elway, but what they don't have is the heart of a team determined, at any cost, to have a dream season.

I predict a close game, but the "Dirty Birds" should play their hearts out and come up with a 24-21 win. (At least we hope so. That way Elway will say goodbye to football forever.)

Wendy Broker is the assistant sports editor for The Northwest Missourian.

IT'S YOUR TURN

What would make you go to Bearcat basketball games?



"My friends would have to go with me."

Matt Hackett, elementary education major



"Male strippers."

Sarah Nicholson, business management major



"Better publicity."

Chris Eckert, computer management systems major



"We have a basketball team?"

Kalissa Williams, graphic design major



"If they gave me a scholarship, partial or full. But I would prefer a full one."

Booker Brown, undecided major



"I would go to the ball games just for the fun of it, but I think the games need to be more publicized."

Jamie Hall, art major

MY VIEW

Computers no substitute for interpersonal communication



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Technological society cannot replace face-to-face relationships

It seems that megabytes and megahertz are taking us into the 21st century, and leaving humanity behind.

Computers and computer technology are all around us. We use computers at work and at home. Some people use computers in order to work from home. Some people cannot go a full day without checking their e-mail or chatting online.

This is creating a serious communication problem. I realize the idea that advances in communication are creating problems seems funny. But I believe the potential for problems exists.

Interpersonal communication is quickly becoming a memory. Personal skills that were once crucial in order to be a productive member of society are passing us by.

Currently, almost anything can be done electronically. Here are some of the biggest electronic advances contributing to the fleeing of humanism.

Electronic mail. E-mail. Most everyone has used it, and we all have heard about it. Speaking with experience, it is nice to get a personal letter on paper from a friend or relative. That kind of feeling can't be dubbed electronically.

Online newspapers. I'm not a hypocrite. Online papers are a great service to society and offer many benefits, too many to name here, in fact. But, there is no alternative to reading the morning paper. Spot just fetched for you and sipping a cup of coffee. A computer screen and a latte from Starbucks don't cut it.

Chat rooms and America Online's Instant Messenger. Pecking away at

the keyboard in the wee hours of the morning chatting with people you've never met before is no substitute for meeting up with your buddies and shooting the breeze over some greasy food and cold beverages.

With the current long distance rates, why not pick up the phone and show someone you care enough to talk to them and let them hear your voice?

Online college classes. Nothing will ever take the place of a college experience. Most students learn more outside of the classroom than they do in the classroom. Seventy percent of the college experience is the life lessons and the growing up students do while they're here. The best computer in all the land will never be able to mimic the Outback dance floor during your freshman year on a Friday night.

I work in a very technical and computer-oriented field. I love my job and have reaped the benefits that computers and the Internet have provided. I am not trying to preach that computers and technology are bad.

I am, however, a firm believer that the generations after mine are losing valuable personal skills due to the rapid integration of computers and the Internet into society.

Computers are valuable tools and assets in our daily lives. I hope that we, as a society, are able to step back and allow ourselves to stimulate our five senses through what is quickly becoming traditional means of communication.

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Administrators propose budget

Funding, renovations backed by Northwest president and provost

by **Burton Taylor**
University News Editor

Northwest administrators traveled to Jefferson City Tuesday to back recommendations for the fiscal year 2000 budget and renovation schedules.

University President Dean Hubbard and Ray Courter, vice president for finance, were present at the appropriation committee for higher education and public safety hearing to explain why Northwest needs funding for its yearly budget and renovations.

Northwest's budget is comprised of state funding and student fees in the form of tuition. The discussion in Jefferson City pertained to the 56 percent of funding the University receives from the state of Missouri.

Gov. Mel Carnahan's initial recommendation for Northwest was \$29.5 million to disperse throughout the University's various expenses. Some of these include utility bills, general costs to run each department and other maintenance expenses.

Northwest's Mission Enhancement accounted for roughly \$1.1 million of the initial recommendation, and the University may receive a general increase of \$553,025 from last year's budget.

Hubbard said both good and bad news was received in regard to the new budget while he visited Jefferson City.

"They show a 6 percent increase; that's the good news," Hubbard said. "The bad news is that there is very little discretionary money," which are funds the University puts toward faculty salaries and other items.

This limits the University's freedom when it comes to faculty and staff salary increases, Hubbard said.

"We're going to have to go through the budget and look for any little piece of fat in order to meet the salary targets that we would like to meet," Hubbard said.

The University is scheduled to receive the budgeted money from the state in July.

Recommended renovations were filed in order to make needed repairs to the Fine Arts Building. However, on a list of 14 schools, Northwest was ranked ninth in importance by the state. The first eight of which were accepted.

In order to have renovations approved by the state, Northwest has to file recommendations to the Coordinating Board of Higher Education who then recommends them to the governor. If the gover-



University President Dean Hubbard and Ray Courter, vice president for finance, talk before the appropriations for higher education and public safety committee. The committee is responsible for making recommendations to Congress for school funding.

nor approves the renovations, he sends them to the appropriations committee for higher education. It would then move to the legislature for discussion, and if it is approved it moves to be signed by the Governor.

Courter said because Northwest barely missed the cut for financing, the University should be up for the funding next year.

Renovations have been a part of Northwest's scenery for years now and, according to Courter, the situation is not going to change for about 15 more.

"Buildings are like automobiles; they need, on occasion, some major overhaul," Courter said.

The Fine Arts Building is first on the to-do list, however the Aquatic Center and Mary Linn Performing Arts Center will soon follow.

The Fine Arts Building is in most need to be renovated because of the age of the building and the fact that its structure is not up to date, causing it to fail certain Missouri safety codes, Courter said.

He said that if a fire were to get out of control in the basement, the structure "would act like a chimney and just infiltrate the entire building."

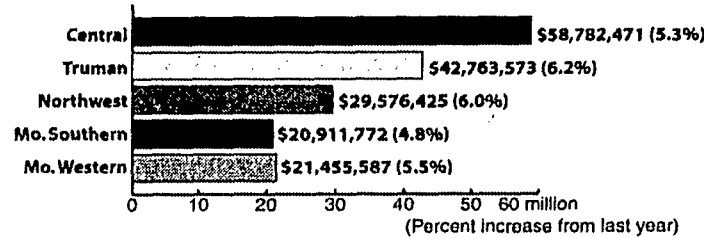
"That makes the building outside of compliance for codes," Courter said. "It's not a safety hazard, but it doesn't meet safety codes."

The reason the building does not meet current safety codes is because of the age of the

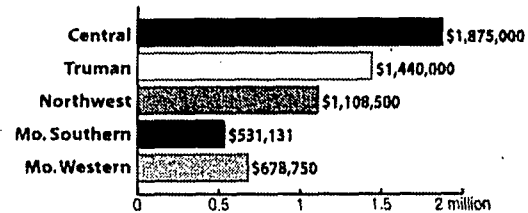
University budget

The following graphs show the relationship between the amount of money Northwest was recommended to receive compared to schools of similar size.

■ Governor recommendations for next Fiscal Year



■ Money for Mission Enhancement



structure's design, Courter said.

The Aquatic Center has had trouble in the past because of a gas produced by the chlorine that was used about 25 years ago, Courter said. As a result, the chemicals soaked into the building's masonry on the exterior causing it to deteriorate.

Mary Linn's need for renovations comes from the exterior por-

tion of the building as well. The building, covered in a type of sheet metal, has suffered damage caused by high winds. In the past the sheets have been ripped off by the wind, which is a problem that needs to be addressed, Courter said.

The University will recommend the needed renovations again in July.

Enrollment up, retention on rise

by **Josh Flaharty**
Chief Reporter

Despite increased admissions standards, Northwest's enrollment has increased by almost 12 percent in the past six years.

Roger Pugh, dean of enrollment, said there has been a slow, steady increase in total enrollment since 1993. This includes undergraduate, graduate and outreach programs.

Pugh said in 1993 approximately 97 to 98 percent of those who applied for admission were accepted. Last fall 85 to 86 percent of applicants were accepted.

However, undergraduate enrollment has remained steady.

"There aren't as many freshmen coming in, but more students are staying from year to year," Pugh said.

Class size should not be effected by the increased enrollment. More freshmen are entering college with dual enrollment credit from high school.

"Most freshmen have had at least one college course coming in," Pugh said.

Some academic programs are effected more than others, he said. The agriculture and computer science/information systems depart-

Northwest enrollment rate

Enrollment Rate	
1993	1998
5,802	6,294

Admittance percentage	
1993-94	1997-98
97-98%	85-86%

Karol Nagel/ Graphics Editor

ments have shown more growth than others.

"I think (the increase) is due to the high quality program, faculty and equipment," said Phillip Heeler, computer science/information systems department chairman.

The department has taken action to handle the increase.

Heeler said class sections have been added, curriculum has been adjusted and additional faculty is being sought after. A nation-wide search is being conducted to find faculty to teach the extra class sections.

"Hopefully we'll be able to bring in additional faculty to handle this pleasurable problem," Heeler said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Senate openings available

Student Senate is in search of new members and someone to be in charge of the upcoming Senate elections.

Senate is accepting applications until 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2. The chairperson will host the rules meeting for the election as well as be in charge of getting notice out concerning the elections. The chairperson cannot run for a Senate position and does not need to be a member of Student Senate.

Also, interviews for associate memberships will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Member applications are available in the Student Senate office, located in Thompson-Ringold.

Residential Life recruiting

Residential Life will be having meetings for applicants who are interested in becoming a resident assistant, desk manager or an academic resource consultant.

For information about the positions, contact Betty Dye at 562-1460 or visit Northwest's web site, www.nwmissouri.edu/~reslife.

Pianist to play on campus

Guest pianist Lynne Garrett will perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 8, in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Garrett has performed extensively as a soloist and chamber musician in western New York and Canada.

Her performances include radio broadcasts and festival appearances.

Garrett will play selections from Handel, Schumann, Mozart and Kodaly.

Workshop helps leadership

Members of student organizations at Northwest are invited to learn how to expand membership and increase turnout at the second annual Public Relations Workshop, at 7 p.m. Feb. 11 in Wells Hall, room 141.

The fee is \$5 for one attendee and \$10 for an unlimited number of group members. Registration ends Feb. 9.

For more information contact Public Relations Student Society of America president Angela Patton at 562-3774.

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Cable contract comes with new rules

by Stephanie Clarkin
Chief Reporter

An ordinance passed on Monday night by the Maryville City Council will grant a franchise with Classic Cable, allowing them to construct, operate and maintain their cable system in Maryville.

However, with the franchise agreement comes new contract stipulations.

For example, a new cable system will be installed by Classic Cable.

"The agreement between the city of Maryville and Classic Cable will provide a state of the art cable sys-

tem that will have available technology to provide services well into the future," said Gil Nichols, Classic Cable vice president.

However, Nichols said the Classic Cable Company is not planning on rate increases after the \$1 increase for basic service beginning Monday.

Classic Cable will also spend more time to help answer customer questions. Classic Cable will be inviting customers to come to a public meeting in Maryville this year during the mid-summer months.

If there is a favorable response

then Classic Cable will be holding meetings annually, Nichols said.

Public meetings are not the only way Classic Cable is trying to improve customer relations. In the past, there was only a regional manager that was in charge of Kansas and half of Missouri. Now there are both regional and area managers.

This will allow Joann King, area manager for Maryville, Trenton and Brookfield to give customers more personal assistance.

King's initial plan is to be in Maryville three days every other week.

"She will be more readily available for local support," Nichols said.

Nichols has a positive attitude about the contract.

"Classic Cable is excited to be the cable provider to the community and we appreciate the business of our customers," Nichols said. "And we look forward to a long-term relationship with the community."

City Manager David Angerer also has high hopes about the contract.

"I think it is the first step toward getting a better system for the cable system here in Maryville," he said. Cable is not the only type of tech-

nology the City Council discussed.

Mozingo was on the City Council's agenda as well. The Council voted to continue negotiating with Smith Construction to build the second half of the Mozingo Golf Club House.

The Council also motioned to start a contract with Midland Engineering to hire a traffic engineer to conduct a study of the South Main Street area.

The purpose of this study is to see, if any, possible improvements regarding traffic flow or infrastructures is needed, Mathew Chesnut, assistant city manager, said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Blood donors needed

The Community Blood Center will play host to a blood drive from 12:30 to 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church located at 102 N. Main St. in the Fellowship Hall.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Call Shirley Miller at 582-4031 for more information or to sign up.

Business closes doors

Peak Entertainment, located at 102 E. Torrance St., closed its doors for business the first week of January.

However, at the time of publication, owner John Campbell was unavailable for comment.

Science fair open to all

Washington Middle School students will be participating in a science fair at the middle school Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The fair is open to the public and project judging will also take place.

COURT WATCH

■ James Udhe plead guilty to interfering and resisting arrest. Udhe was sentenced to 120 days in jail for interfering with arrest but it was suspended to two years probation. He was sentenced to six days in jail for resisting arrest starting Feb. 12 and is responsible for jail costs of \$20 per day.

■ Phillip W. Pigg was granted a dispositional hearing at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 9, allowing Pigg to discuss his case with a lawyer.

■ Alan A. Lay was granted a dispositional hearing at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 9, allowing him to discuss his case with a lawyer.

■ Travis Williams plead guilty to two felony counts of burglary and a theft misdemeanor. The court suspended the felony charges but placed Williams on five years probation and he must seek alcohol and drug treatment and pay restitution to all victims. He was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail for theft.

■ Adam Mick plead guilty to two counts of forgery and one count of burglary. The court sentenced him to five years in jail to be suspended and placed on probation for five years with the condition that he make restitution to the victims and serve 60 days in jail.

■ Jeremy Bradshaw plead guilty to two felony counts of burglary and two misdemeanor counts of theft. The court suspended sentence for the felony charges and ordered five years probation. For the misdemeanor, he was sentenced to 52 days in jail with credit for 52 days already served, and he must follow all aftercare directives.

New drug dog passes 1st test

by Stephanie Clarkin
Chief Reporter

Maryville Public Safety's newest addition was put to the test Sunday night.

Candy, the department's new drug dog, and her handler, officer Shane Hux, were called by Campus Safety to investigate a car with a marijuana odor coming from it, Campus Safety Director Clarence Green said. According to Public Safety Director Keith Wood, Candy discovered a bag of marijuana in the glove compartment of a car pulled over for a traffic violation.

Candy, a Labrador retriever, was brought to Maryville from Texas. Hux spent 10 days in Texas with Candy learning how to handle her. She is now in the tracking phase of her training.

Public Safety said a drug dog is useful since the closest K-9 dog was in St. Joseph.

"Every time we would have a use for a narcotics or K-9 in this community we had to call St. Joseph, which may or may not have a dog available," Wood said. "Now we have one readily available in a reasonable time."

Hux will work and play with Candy, who lives with him, one hour a day to keep her energized. One way Hux practices with her is to use a probe that has either marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine or heroine in it. The purpose of this toy is to get her used to the odor, Hux said.

Candy will be doing practical work a couple of times a week, and will be with Hux when he is on duty. Hux said he enjoys working with Candy.

"I like it very well. I have always wanted to do it," Hux said. "I am very fortunate to do it."

The \$6,400 price tag for Candy and Hux's training was paid for with donations. Drug Abuse Resistance and Education contributed \$1,500. Veterinarian Joe Powell has volunteered to provide Candy's medical care and Hy-Vee is providing food.

"This would not have been possible without generous donations that have been stepped up," Wood said.



Micah Taylor, a seventh grader at Washington Middle School, gets help from his teacher Pete Waltz. Waltz was selected by the Missouri Association of Colleges of Teacher Education to receive an award for his outstanding performance as a first-year educator.

Jennifer Meyer/
Photography Editor

Building students' futures

by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

Washington Middle School Industrial Technology teacher Pete Waltz will be awarded as an Outstanding Beginning Teacher from Northwest April 12.

Waltz, a 1998 graduate student of Northwest, is one of two first-year teachers to receive the award this year.

After attending Simpson College in Iowa, Waltz worked for the Clarinda Academy. He decided to go back to school and get his teaching degree because he liked helping people.

"I am not your traditional teacher, because after I graduated from Simpson

and I wanted to go back to college and get a teaching degree," Waltz said.

Keith Nowland, Washington Middle School principal, said Waltz has been a real asset to both the school and students because of his teaching methods.

"Pete's teaching style has really helped the students learn more because of his great enthusiasm in the classroom and willingness to work with the students," Nowland said.

Waltz said he doesn't like to give the basic lecture to his students because students' attention span is short. He tries to involve the students by letting them do their own work.

"I don't like to teach the traditional way of lecturing because the students don't get as involved, so I let them watch videos on the way projects are made and assist them in anyway I can," he said.

Seventh graders David Carnahan, Rickybauer and Nick Merrigan enjoy Waltz's class because of the relaxed environment.

"Mr. Waltz is always there to help you when you are having problems with a shop project and everybody likes him," Rickybauer said. "He is the perfect teacher."

Besides being the industrial teacher, Waltz also helps coach the middle school's football and basketball teams.

Car thief tries luck in 2 cities

by Laurie Den Ouden
Community News Editor

One St. Joseph man found a system of stealing cars that worked — at least for a while.

Christopher R. Rush is charged with class C stealing of a motor vehicle from Boyles Motors on Jan. 17 in Maryville.

Rush had been to the car lot the previous day to test drive a pickup. On Sunday, Boyles co-owner David Boyles noticed the truck was missing, but assumed it had been sold. However, early Monday he realized the car was not sold but stolen.

By 10 a.m. Monday, the vehicle had been recovered in St. Joseph and Rush was in custody.

Rush gave his St. Joseph address when he test drove the vehicle allowing them to track it back to him.

It is still under investigation as to how the car was stolen but Boyles has an idea.

"When I went down to get the car, he had a brand new key and I

still had both of my keys," he said.

At Rush's residence, other stolen vehicles were discovered from both Vic's Auto Plaza and Freeway Chevrolet in St. Joseph.

Paul Shortino, Freeway general manager, said Rush had two of his trucks. They were taken in November 1997 and September 1998. They both had dealers' license plates.

The assistant prosecutor in St. Joseph, Pam Vestal, told Shortino she wouldn't prosecute Rush in connection with the cars from his lot because she didn't want to prosecute him on multiple charges. But, she said she is going to prosecute Rush in connection with the stolen vehicle from Vic's Auto Plaza.

Vic's declined comment. Shortino said he has figured out how the man has obtained the keys. He believes he has an accomplice at a Chevrolet dealer in Harrison, Ark.

He thought of possible theories. "I just put two and two together," Shortino said. "A light came on in my head."

Pope unites young, old in St. Louis

by Timothy Wheeler
Online Editor

Pope John Paul II made a two-day visit to the Midwest Tuesday and Wednesday at the request of his long-time friend St. Louis Archbishop Justin Rigali.

The visit was originally scheduled for one day, but Rigali asked the pope to stay an extra day to participate in a youth rally.

"Pope John Paul II has always had a strong attitude toward young people," said Monsignor Justin Buchheit, Holy Infant Parish pastor in Ballwin. "Young adults seem to respond well to him because he is open to them, and he is invigorated by the way they come together."

The rally was held Tuesday in downtown St. Louis. It concluded with a march from the Gateway Arch grounds to the Kiel Center where youths gathered to hear a message from the pope.

"It was really awesome seeing him in person," said Christopher Lindley, a spectator at the rally from Chillicothe. "He told us to follow the light and stay out of trouble."

This is the first papal visit to the United States since the spring of 1995 when the pontiff toured Denver.

"We've been praying that everyone will appreciate who the pope is and there has been a good response," Buchheit said. "I think many non-Christians look to him

for leadership and respect him."

For many pilgrims coming to see the pope, it was the chance of a lifetime.

"I'm 43 and this is the first realistic chance I've had to see him in person," said Debbie Lindley, papal parade spectator who drove from Chillicothe.

The pope had a special meaning for both Catholic and non-Catholic people whom attended the events, which included a parade and mass.

"People need to realize who the pope is according to Catholicism," Buchheit said. "The pope is a representative of Jesus Christ and his powers. It is important for everyone to recognize this."

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Thursday, Jan. 14

■ Kimberly S. Hartman, Maryville, was stopped at a posted stop sign in the St. Francis Hospital lot, waiting to enter onto U.S. Business 71. Another driver was in the middle of the drive, with Hartman to the right and behind him. A third vehicle turned into the lot. Hartman was struck when the driver in front of her backed up. The driver left the scene.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

■ Two Maryville male juveniles were referred to a juvenile officer for af-ray following an incident in the 1500 block of South Munn Avenue.

■ Janet L. Zeibig, Graham, was parked in a lot in the 100 block of South Vine Street. Her vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

■ Margaret M. Schmidt, Maryville, was parked in the 300 block of North Main Street. Her vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

■ Brandon L. Poppa, 25, Burlington Junction, was arrested for larceny following an incident at Wal-Mart in which a pair of boots were taken without being paid for. Value of the boots was \$69.97. Poppa was released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville couple reported person(s) had broken into their residence, but nothing was found to be missing.

Thursday, Jan. 21

■ Clinton D. Boon, 20, Maryville, was served a municipal court warrant for failure to appear. He was released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville female reported person(s) had entered her residence without her permission. She did not find anything missing, but several items had been disturbed.

■ Several textbooks were recovered from the 400 block of East Third Street. When contact was made with the owner, a Maryville female, it was discovered the books had been stolen from her vehicle. She was missing a Texas Instrument TI-85 calculator and a blue and gray bookbag. Loss valued at \$120.

■ An employee of a local business reported he had been informed that a male subject had left without paying for cigarettes. After taking inventory, it is believed approximately six cartons were taken. Estimated loss valued at \$141.

Friday, Jan. 22

■ An officer in the 500 block of North Buchanan Street observed a

vehicle make an illegal turn. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Doris A. Crannell, 21, Maryville. While talking with her an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated after she could not successfully complete field sobriety tests and her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for making a U-turn.

■ A Maryville female reported another female had used her credit card without her permission. The case was referred to the prosecutor.

■ A local business reported a male subject had left without paying for \$8.25 worth of gasoline.

■ Vicky L. Smith, Maryville, was parked in a lot at 121 S. Main St. Her vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

■ Selina S. Baker, Quitman, was westbound in the 600 block of West First Street. Christine C. Benson, Maryville, was attempting to enter traffic from a private drive. Benson stated her foot slipped off the clutch, making her "jump" into traffic. She was struck by Baker. No citations were issued.

Saturday, Jan. 23

■ An officer made contact with a driver in the 200 block of North Market Street. While talking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. After receiving permission to search the vehicle, alcoholic beverages were found and the driver, Chad M. Kuehl, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession of alcoholic beverages.

■ Following an incident in the 600 block of South Main Street, Melissa R. Appleman, 19, Maryville, was issued a summons for affray. A 16-year-old Bedford, Iowa, female was referred to a juvenile officer.

Sunday, Jan. 24

■ An officer observed a vehicle with a headlight burned out. He stopped the vehicle at East First and Water streets. While talking with the driver, Michael S. Ogrady, 20, Maryville, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he could not complete field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for an equipment violation.

■ An officer stopped a vehicle in the 100 block of West Third Street after observing one of its headlights was not illuminated. While talking with the subject, Keith D. Ciani, 20, Maryville, alcoholic beverages were observed in the vehicle. He was is-

sued a summons for minor in possession of alcoholic beverages and failure to have headlights in a working manner.

■ A Dearborn male reported that while his vehicle was parked in the 1700 block of East First Street, his Kenwood CD player with removable face and 40 to 50 CDs were taken. Estimated loss valued at \$1,100.

■ Marla K. Foster, 35, Burlington Junction, was arrested for assault following an incident in the 600 block of Prather Avenue where another female subject stated she had been assaulted. Foster was released after posting bond.

Friday, Jan. 22

■ Keith L. Nelson, Maryville, and Michael V. Songer, Maryville, were northbound on Main Street. Songer was attempting to make a right turn on to First Street when his vehicle was struck from behind by Nelson. A citation was issued to Nelson for careless and imprudent driving.

Monday, Jan. 25

■ An officer took a report of light bulbs in a beacon being shot out.

■ Christopher S. Ebrecht, 19, Grant City, was served a municipal court warrant for failure to appear. He was released after posting bond.

■ Following an incident at a local business in which several food and household items were taken without being paid for, Shelly R. Rankin, 39, Bedford, Iowa, was arrested for larceny. She was released after posting bond. Loss was valued at \$22.84.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

■ A Maryville male reported his apartment had been damaged by unknown person(s). There were several holes in the walls inside and outside his apartment door.

■ A Maryville female reported a male subject had made a threat to hit her.

■ James R. Lohman Jr., Maryville, was backing from a private drive on East Second Street and struck the parked vehicle of Jubal W. Smith, Pickering. A citation was issued to Lohman for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Kara D. Rodrick, Ravenwood, was stopped at a posted stop sign at North Buchanan and East Second Streets. She proceeded into the intersection and was struck by Lara S. Thomson, Maryville, who was northbound on North Buchanan Street. No citations were issued.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

■ An officer was on patrol when he observed a vehicle cross the

centerline in the 300 block of East Third Street. His vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Eric E. Ross, 29, Maryville. While talking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. Ross was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he could not successfully complete field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Thursday, Jan. 21

■ A student in Phillips Hall reported the theft of a necklace.

Friday, Jan. 22

■ A student reported property damage to a vehicle in Lot 17. The rear bumper had been pulled off of the car.

■ Campus Safety assisted the Nodaway County Ambulance in a medical emergency in Franken Hall. The patient was transported to St. Francis Hospital for further evaluation.

Saturday, Jan. 23

■ Officers were dispatched to Dieterich Hall to check on the well-being of a student. The student was unable to be located.

Sunday, Jan. 24

■ An officer stopped a vehicle for excessive acceleration and detected an odor of intoxicants. The suspect was arrested and transported to Campus Safety for verification of intoxicants present in their system. Verification was affirmed and a summons was issued for violation of zero tolerance. A report was also sent to the Missouri Department of Revenue for revocation of driving privileges within the state of Missouri.

Monday, Jan. 25

■ An officer stopped a vehicle for driving the wrong way and an odor of marijuana was detected. The suspect was issued a summons for possession of a controlled substance under 35 grams.

■ Officers investigated a complaint of the smell of marijuana in Hudson Hall. Two summonses were issued for possession of under 35 grams of marijuana.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

■ Officers investigated a complaint of property damage to a room in Phillips Hall. The damages were repaired and an investigation was initiated.

NODAWAY SHERIFF

Wednesday, Jan. 20

■ Gentry P. Martin, 19, Maryville, was arrested on a probation and

parole warrant.

■ Calvin Cowan, 35, Elmo, was arrested on a Worth County warrant. He was released after posting bond.

Thursday, Jan. 21

■ A Pickering subject reported receiving harassing telephone calls.

■ A Ravenwood subject reported their pager had been stolen or lost.

Friday, Jan. 22

■ Shane M. Vinzant, 18, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant.

Saturday, Jan. 23

■ A Maryville subject reported receiving harassing telephone calls.

■ Monica S. Bodle, 37, Maitland, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. She was released after being held the mandatory eight hours and posting bond.

Sunday, Jan. 24

■ Tyler D. Dow, 19, Burlington Junction, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was released after being held the mandatory eight hours.

■ Calvin W. Garner, 20, Maryville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving with a revoked license. He was released after being held the mandatory eight hours and posting bond.

Monday, Jan. 25

■ An Iowa male reported damage to his vehicle.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

■ A Barnard business reported property damage to their building.

■ Mervin L. Templeman, 48, Barnard, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was released after being held the mandatory eight hours and posting bond.

■ A Maryville subject reported receiving harassing telephone calls.

NEW ARRIVALS

Jennifer Lynn Cacek

Jay and Janet Cacek, Maryville, are the parents of Jennifer Lynn Cacek, born Jan. 13 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and joins one brother, Jacob. Her grandparents are Larry and Helen Johnson, Maryville; and Sara Cacek, Maryville.

Her great-grandparents are Clarice and Loyd Scott, Sheridan.

Samuel Michael Humphrey

Miccia Humphrey, Maryville, is the parent of Samuel Michael Humphrey, born Jan. 19 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

His grandparents are Bill and Audria Humphrey, Clearmont.

James Doyle Chesnut

Les and Shellie Chesnut, Maryville, are the parents of James Doyle Chesnut, born Jan. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces. His grandparents are LeRoy and Donita Coffelt, Ravenwood; Tom and Ilene Lager, Rayville; Anita Duckworth, Skidmore; and Omer Duckworth, Bethany.

His great-grandparents are Wayne and Margaret Coffelt, Ravenwood; Martha Ackley, Ravenwood; Doyle and Lucille Stull, Mound City, and Madalyn Duckworth, Bethany.

Garret Dean Sparks

Rob and Carrie Sparks, Pickering, are the parents of Garret Dean Sparks, born Jan. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 4 pounds, 9 ounces and joins one brother, Tanner.

His grandparents are RoAnne and Jerry Solheim, Maryville; Benny and DeeAnn Sisk, Barnard; and Bill and Karen Sparks, Guthrie Center, Iowa.

His great-grandparents are Lucille Godsey, Skidmore; Bonnie Sisk, Fillmore; and Rolland and Bonita Betts, Guthrie Center, Iowa.

Codi Lynn Patrick

Rachel Anderson and Cory Patrick, Maryville, are the parents of Codi Lynn Patrick, born Jan. 21 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and joins one sister, Lea.

Her grandparents are Bill and Gail Gaffrey, Chandler, Ariz.; Lynn and Shirley Patrick, Earlville, Iowa; and Ron and Ruth Ruba, Remsen, Iowa.

OBITUARIES

Anselm (Alfred) Coppersmith

The Rev. Anselm (Alfred) Coppersmith, 90, Conception, died Jan. 24 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Sept. 16, 1908, to Sebastian and Clara Coppersmith in Clyde.

Survivors include one sister, Mary; and many nieces and nephews.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at St. Columba Catholic Church in Conception Junction. Burial will be at the St. Columba Cemetery in Conception.

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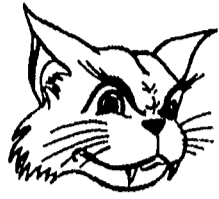
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Northwest drops 2 to archrival Griffons at home

■ **Women's basketball**
beaten by Missouri Western,
90-65, in Bearcat Arena

by Shannon Ross
Missourian Reporter

The Bearcats faced the Missouri Western Griffons Wednesday night at Bearcat Arena and fell short with a 90-66 loss.



Northwest 66
Mo. West 90

LEADING SCORERS

Northwest:
Linda Mattson, 13
Missouri Western:
Becky Reichard, 21

Junior forward Linda Mattson led the way for the Bearcats with 13 points and seven rebounds. Freshman forward Kristin Anderson and junior center Denise Sump followed with 12 and 11 points.

The Griffons jumped out on top with a 23-4 lead after the first eight minutes of the game.

Head coach Wayne Winstead said he was looking to spark the team's intensity from the beginning.

"The big difference in the start was we came out playing tentative," Winstead said. "We came around after the first few minutes of the game and at times played tough."

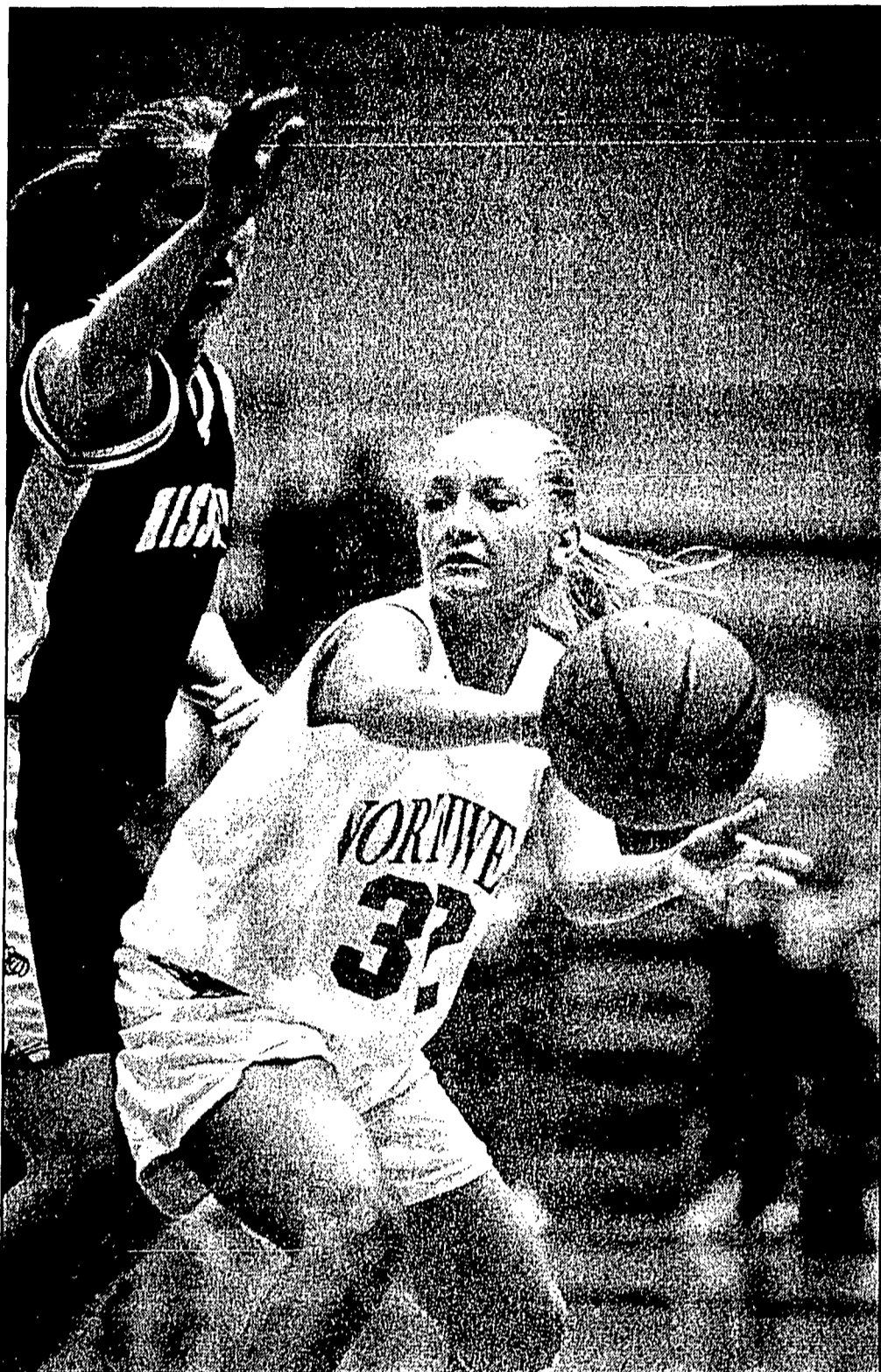
On Saturday night the 'Cats took a road trip to the University of Missouri-Rolla. The team came back from a 37-26 halftime deficit to lead by one with three minutes left to play. The Lady Miners outscored the 'Cats 11-0 in the time remaining defeating Northwest 67-57.

Mattson led the team with 23 points and eight rebounds. Sump and junior forward Brandi Grigsby-Shannon followed with nine and eight, respectively.

Mattson said the team remains positive despite the loss.

"If you practice and play hard, good things will come your way," Mattson said. "We are not going to look back, but we plan to build off the positive aspects of our game."

The 'Cats will take on Lincoln University at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Bearcat Arena before traveling to Warrensburg Monday to play Central Missouri State University.



Mike Ransdell/Photography Editor

Sophomore forward Amy Coy looks to pass the ball to one of her teammates in Wednesday night's game in Bearcat Arena. Coy scored two points for the Bearcats. The women lost to Missouri Western State College, 90-66, and will take on Lincoln University Saturday at home.

Men lose heartbreaker, 79-77, as capacity crowd watches

by Mark Hornickel
Sports Editor

The U.S. Highway 71 rivalry was in full throttle Wednesday night when a capacity crowd at Bearcat Arena witnessed a down to the wire thriller.

The Bearcats trailed 79-77, with just over three seconds to play, when senior forward Matt Redd missed a three-pointer, giving the victory to archrival Missouri Western State College.

"It's always going to be a real intense game whenever these two hook up," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "Tonight was no exception. There were some pivotal plays that happened in the game and they hit some big buckets. At the end, I thought we had the momentum going back our way. I'll give them credit for that, but it doesn't make it much easier."

With Northwest trailing 69-66 with 2:13 remaining, the game turned rather bizarre. Senior center Taryl Franklin was called for an intentional foul on the Griffons junior forward Randy Dickerson, and Tappmeyer picked up a technical foul moments later.

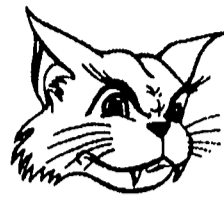
Tappmeyer believes Franklin got baited into the foul, but he admitted his miscue.

"I misjudged an ego, and they came back," Tappmeyer said. "I tell our players to be smarter than that, and I should have never gotten a technical foul. I thought the call leading up to it should have been a big momentum play for us because I thought their kid initiated it, but that's the way it goes."

With the crowd on its feet, the Griffons made three of four free throws to push their lead to 72-66.

After the Griffons' junior guard Ryan Shumacher hit a three-pointer to make the score 77-73, Redd answered with a three-pointer of his own to pull the 'Cats back within one, with 24 seconds remaining. But two Shumacher free throws pushed Missouri Western ahead 79-76.

Missouri Western suffered a technical foul of their own with 11 seconds left, when senior forward Sterling Rachal retaliated with an elbow after a rebound. Redd hit one of the two free throws, making the score 79-77.



Northwest 77
Mo. West 79

LEADING SCORERS

Northwest:
Matt Redd, 20
Missouri Western:
Randy Dickerson, 21



John Petrovic/Chief photographer

Senior forward Matt Redd goes up for a basket against Missouri Western Wednesday night during the 79-77 loss at Bearcat Arena.

Although the Bearcats couldn't get a shot on their first inbound attempt, Northwest retained possession with four seconds left. Redd caught the inbound pass and shot near the top of the arc, but couldn't hit. The buzzer sounded and he buried his head in dismay and Missouri Western celebrated.

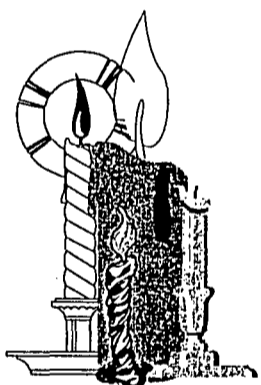
Missouri Western out rebounded the 'Cats 32-25, a statistic which could have had an effect on the game's outcome, Tappmeyer said.

"The key, we felt going in and we feel now, is just being able to rebound," Tappmeyer said. "We lost that battle. We had so many times where we could get a key miss and couldn't secure the rebound and we let them keep getting second and third shot opportunities."

Northwest dropped to 12-6 overall and 3-5 in the MIAA, but Tappmeyer said the team can learn from the loss as it prepares for Lincoln University.

Northwest will meet Lincoln at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

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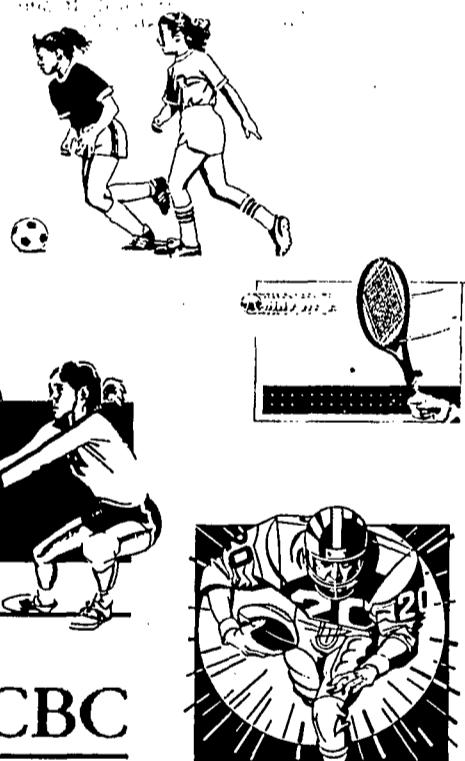


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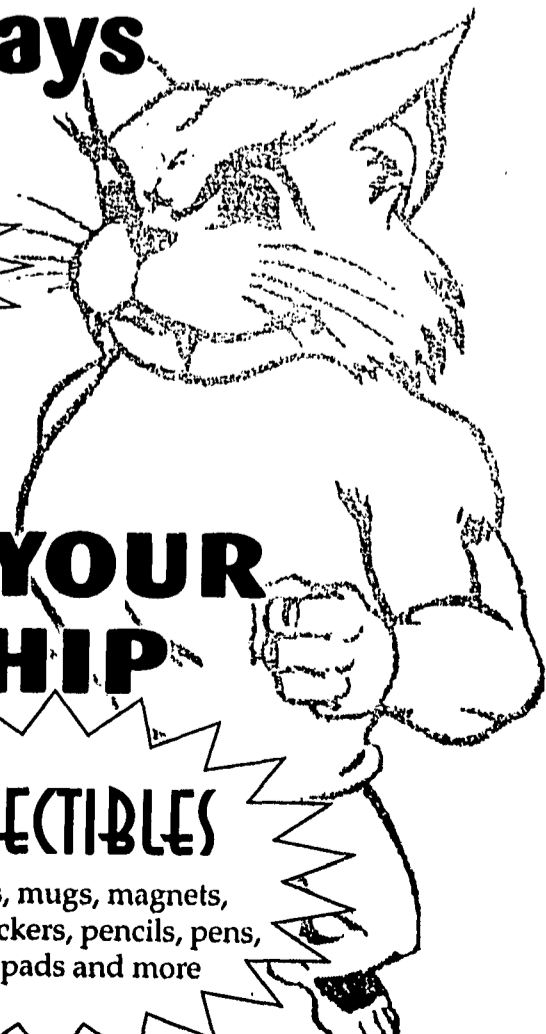
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'Cats look to Lawrence

by Wendy Broker
Assistant Sports Editor

The Bearcat indoor track teams are aiming for improvement at each meet while focusing ahead to higher goals in the MIAA championships.

The women's team is preparing for another tough weekend of competition as they travel to the Jayhawk Invitational Friday in Lawrence, Kan., and take on a field of Division I, II and NAIA schools as well as several junior colleges.

"KU will be like last week's meet (at Nebraska), a hard competition against Division I teams," sophomore Diana Hughes said. "Our main goal is to improve times, jumps and things. In the long run it's going to help when we get to the conference. Rising to the challenge of Division I is making us a better team."

Head coach Vicki Wootton said the meet is the next step in the season's progression.

"We are looking for personal successes and improvement more than teamwise," Wootton said. "Last week at Nebraska we had good places and times. It was a good step and a good indicator of things to come. Our goal is to step it up every week. From here on out it's going to be tough."

The women are going into the meet in Lawrence riding strong performances from Saturday's Nebraska Open in Lincoln, Neb.

Hughes placed second in the long jump, while freshman Ronda Cheers finished sixth in the 800-meter run. Senior Amber Martin finished just behind Cheers at seventh in the 800. The 4x400-meter relay team of sophomore Keely Barnett, Hughes and freshmen Sue Scholten and Melissa Eighmy also finished seventh for the 'Cats.

Senior Lindsey Borgstadt, junior Becca Glassel and sophomore Sarah Handrup competed in the 3000-meter run at the Iowa State Open Friday night. Borgstadt placed 11th for the team.

Men prepare for Jayhawk Invite
Progression is the men's main focus as they prepare for Friday's competition at the Jayhawk Invitational in Lawrence.

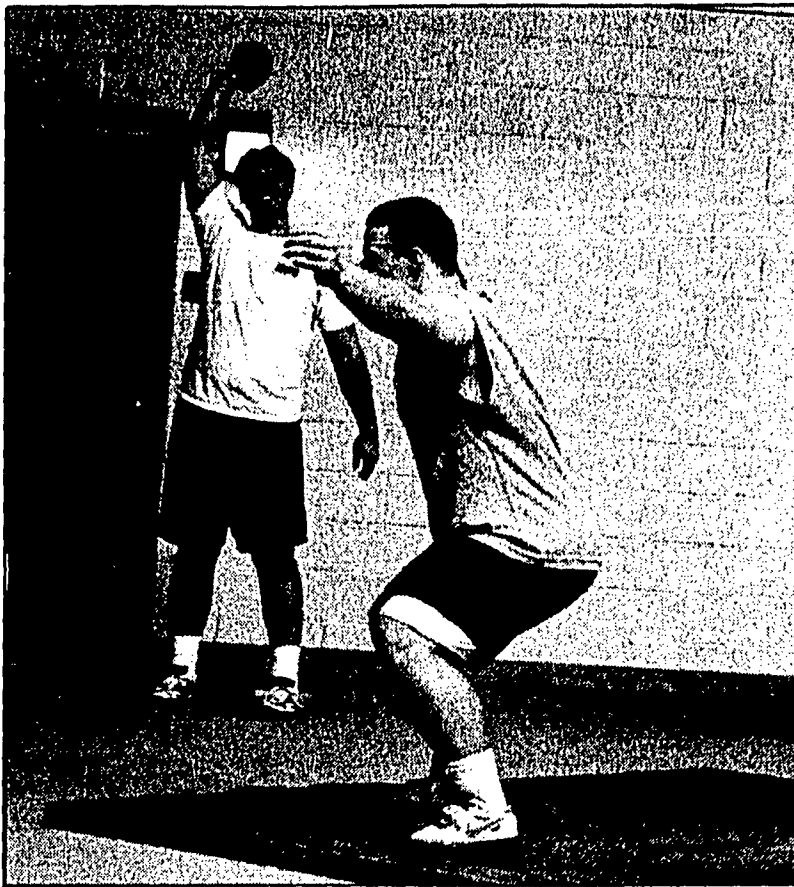
"There is a lot of improvement to be made," freshman pole-vaulter Ryan Miller said. "Nebraska was a big meet, but we are seeing improvement in each other. We are striving for the best and looking to KU to improve. We are not looking back. KU is a big meet, but the Division I competition will only make us better before we go into the conference championship."

The men will compete against a variety of opponents at the meet in Lawrence, while they attempt to get in better shape and improve performances.

"Last week, we ran pretty sore, but everyone was energetic and ready to work hard again this week," head coach Rich Alsop said. "We are still a little deadlegged and sore, but we bettered our performances last week despite that. We just have to condition enough that we won't be so sore when we compete at KU. At the meet, we will see how we measure up against ourselves and what we have done in the past."

Last week, the men competed at the Nebraska Open in Lincoln, Neb., and brought home a few impressive finishes despite facing Division I competition.

Junior Matt Abele took fourth in the long jump for the Bearcats, while sophomore Frank Taylor placed sixth in the high jump. Miller took seventh in the pole vault, while the 4x400 relay team of junior Varick Dabney, senior Ben Fields, sophomore Matt Fisher and freshman Brandon White placed eighth.



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Editor

Sophomore Tucker Woolsey sets up to throw the shot-put Wednesday in Lamkin Activity Center. Woolsey and fellow shot-putter Joe Glab are preparing for the upcoming Jayhawk Invitational in Lawrence, Kan.

Hall of Fame recognizes Northwest football team

by Mark Hornickel
Sports Editor

It has been a year of trophies, All-America teams and many other honors, but the Bearcat football team was honored again Sunday, in Springfield by the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame enshrined 14 new members and recognized the Northwest football team for its accomplishments. Five Bearcat players were in attendance: senior quarterback Chris Greisen; junior offensive lineman Chad Thompson; junior defensive lineman Aaron Becker; sophomore linebacker Brian Williams; and junior cornerback Greg Wayne. Athletic director Jim Redd, assistant coach Jon Gustafson and sports information director Andy Seely were also present.

"It's been a real honor to come down here, and represent the team and Northwest," Williams said. "I was surprised I was even picked to come as a sophomore. It is overwhelming for me personally to see so many great athletes and realize that we are being honored alongside them."

At the enshrinement, the Bearcat players were among people such as former baseball players Mike Shannon, Fred Patek, Enos Slaughter; former football players Dan Dierdorf, Willie Lanier and Johnny Robinson; Edger Robinson former wrestling world champion and Leon Spinks former boxing world champion.

Each of the 14 inductees had a chance to speak to the audience during their en-

shrinement. The Bearcat football players said each of the inductees had something special in their message, but there were a few that hit home.

"Most of them talked about family," Thompson said. "I was fortunate to grow up with great parents in a great town. I was lucky to have that continue on as I came to Northwest with this football team and Coach Tjeerdsma. It is a great bunch of guys that he has put together. We are a great team and have really bonded together as a family. I think that showed in our play over the last few years."

Many players said they enjoyed Dan Dierdorf's speech the most. He talked about preparing to accept opportunities.

"Dan Dierdorf's speech really hit me because it's something that I've lived by the last couple of years," Greisen said. "He said that you've got to be ready when you get that chance and so that was something that was really special for me."

The players were eager to get autographs from the inductees, as well as other dignitaries in attendance. One of the highlights was a 10-minute conversation the players had with legendary Chiefs coach Hank Stram. The players agreed it was something that he said to them that may stick with them the longest.

"You guys are not football players," Stram said. "You are men, who play football. You can only play football for so long. But you will always be men. Remember that. Be good men and everything else will happen for you on its own."

MIAA goes to Bowls

by Wendy Broker
Assistant Sports Editor

While Texas's Heisman winner Ricky Williams and Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop made their presence known on the field at Saturday's Hula Bowl, a Bearcat stood on the sidelines.

Northwest head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma was an assistant coach for the South team.

The Hula Bowl, a Division I All-Star game, is made up of a North and a South team.

Tjeerdsma, along with national champion coaches from Division III, I-AA and last year's Division I championship teams traveled to Hawaii and worked with the top athletes in the nation.

Coaches from Washington State University, Massachusetts University, Oklahoma State University and Tjeerdsma made up the South's leading group. Tjeerdsma worked with the special teams and coached the defense with Bob Simmons, Oklahoma State head coach.

"You don't do a lot of coaching out there," Tjeerdsma said. "You make it simple and let them play. They are great athletes and they just go out there and play hard. We were working with athletes like Heisman winner Ricky Williams and Michael Bishop from Kansas State."

Tjeerdsma said the coaching experience made him look at Northwest's athletes in a new light.

"There were some great athletes there, but some of the guys on our team could have competed," he said. "I was not as in awe as I thought I'd be. Those guys like Williams and Bishop are no different than ours — they are out there to learn. They know you are the coach and they are the player. It was refreshing to see that there are other kids like that, other than ours. And these were the best of the best."



■ Mel Tjeerdsma
... coached at Hula Bowl ...

Emporia State athlete shines

Winning the Harlon Hill Award, Division II's Heisman, was not enough for Emporia State senior running back Brian Shay. Shay had to prove that he was not a small-time player.

He rushed for 62 yards in Division I's Blue and Gray game, but even that was not enough.

In Saturday's Senior Bowl, the final chance for NFL hopefuls to be noticed by scouts, Shay again drew attention to himself. He rushed for 75 yards, went 27 yards on a fake punt, returned two kicks for 21 yards and recovered a fumble en route to leading the South team to a 31-21 win.

Shay, who was not recruited out of high school and owns the NCAA all-Division career rushing record, played with the likes of University of California-Los Angeles' quarterback Cade McNown and Kansas State's kicker Martin Gramatica.

Shay's future is uncertain, but the Associated Press reported that Tampa Bay Buccaneers' coach Tony Dungy said he has potential.

"He proved he can play with this caliber of players, being from the small program he is from," Dungy said. "He's small and quick and more importantly very tough. He'd fit great in our system."

WEEKLY PLANNER

JAN. 28-FEB. 3



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday	Lincoln	7:30
Monday	Central	7:30
Wednesday	Emporia	7:30

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday	Lincoln	5:30
Monday	Central	5:30
Wednesday	Emporia	5:30

INDOOR TRACK

Friday	Jayhawk Invitational, Lawrence, Kan.	
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BOYS' BASKETBALL

Friday	Falls City	7:30
Tuesday	Savannah	8:00

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Monday	Savannah	8:00
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WRESTLING

Tonight	Lafayette	7:00
Saturday	Maryville	11 a.m.
Tuesday	Savannah	7:00

All times are p.m. unless noted. Home games are bold.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

	MIAA	Overall
	W L	W L
Pitt State	8 0	17 1
Mo. West	8 1	15 4
Washburn	7 2	15 6
Truman	4 3	11 5
Mo. Southern	3 5	7 11
Northwest	3 5	12 6
Lincoln	3 5	6 11
Central	3 6	10 9
Rolla	3 6	9 10
SBU	2 6	9 9
Emporia	2 7	10 9

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	MIAA	Overall
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Truman	6 1	15 2
Mo. West	7 2	17 2
SBU	6 2	16 2
Washburn	6 3	13 5
Pitt State	5 3	13 5
Central	3 6	10 9
Northwest	2 6	7 11
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'Hounds take big victories

by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

There were two big victories over the weekend for the Maryville boys basketball team. The first victory came on Friday night when they were able to defeat for the first time in three years, the Chillicothe Hornets, 50-45 at home.

The 'Hounds won their first conference game Saturday night at home as they squeaked by the Cameron Dragons, 37-32, in a defensive struggle.

Leading the way for Maryville against the Hornets, was junior forward Dan McKim with 11 points and senior postman Ryan Morley led all scorers with 18 points in the contest with the Dragons. The 3A 6th-ranked 'Hounds improved to 15-2 on the season.

Head coach Mike Kuwitzky was proud of the way his team performed over the weekend because he knew things would not be easy for them.

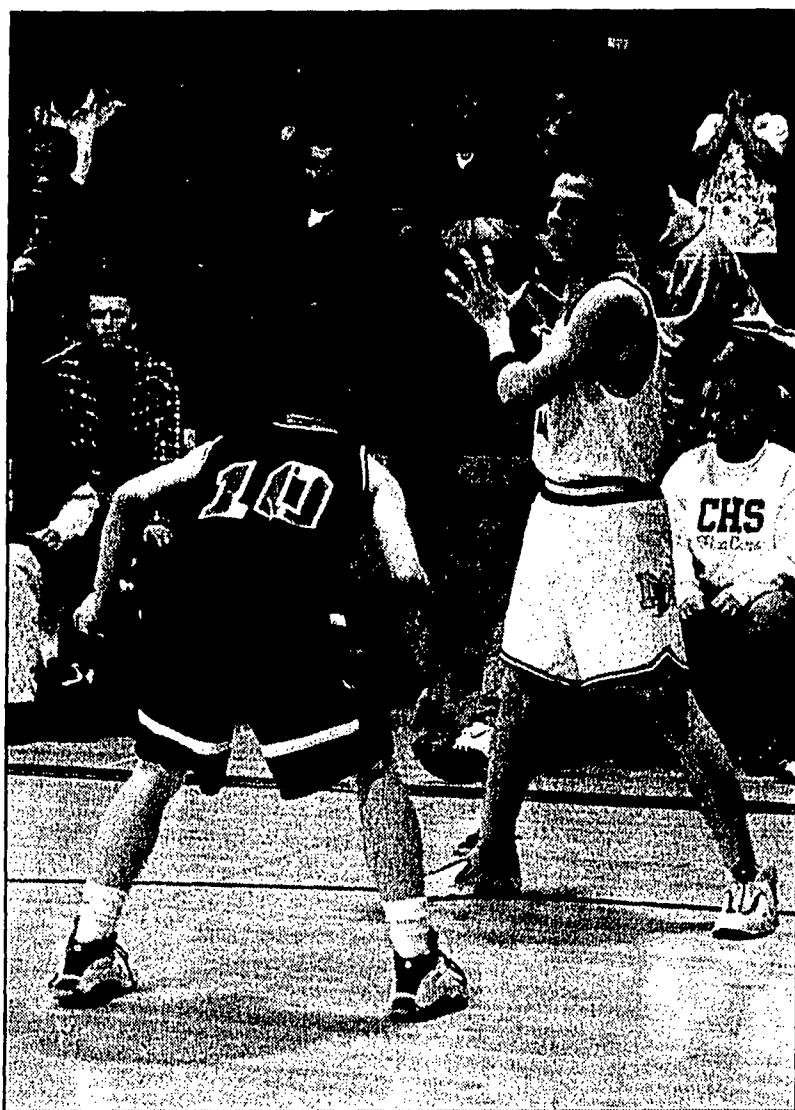
"We are going to use the victories we got over the weekend and improve on them because we know there is still work that needs to be done," Kuwitzky said.

Senior forward John Edmonds returned to action Friday night after being out because of an ankle injury. He was able to produce valuable minutes when McKim had to leave the first half of Friday's game because his tooth was knocked out.

"I went up for a lay-up and a defender elbowed me in the mouth which forced me to go to the locker room and there, the doctor placed my tooth back into my gum and gave me a mouthpiece to go back in," McKim said.

The wins were key for Maryville because tough conference matchups are coming up, Morley said.

"It made for a great weekend in getting victories because these were two really physical teams that



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Editor

Senior point guard Nick Glasnapp looks to pass over Chillicothe defender David Coult in last Friday's game at Maryville High School. Glasnapp added nine points to the game, helping the 'Hounds to a 50-44 win.

wanted to beat us as much as we wanted to beat them," Morley said. "We still have conference games on the road with hostile environments that will determine how good of a team we really are."

Kuwitzky has been satisfied with the way the bench has been able to get things accomplished when the starters have gotten into trouble and some out of the game.

"The guys coming off the bench have been really impressive for us in the way they have been able to make things happen when one of the starters have gotten themselves in foul trouble," he said.

As conference play starts to heat up on Feb. 2, Kuwitzky said he is confident his team will be able to

compete well in four straight road games against Savannah, Benton, Chillicothe and Smithville that will decide the conference championship.

"If we can get a full 60-minute game out of everybody along with the bench we should be fine, but these conference games are not going to be easy because everybody is gunning to beat whoever they play," Kuwitzky said.

Before Maryville enters the rest of the conference schedule they will compete against the Falls City (Neb.) Tigers. The Freshman and junior varsity teams will play first, and tip-off for the varsity game will be at approximately 8 p.m. Friday at Maryville.

Girls top Eagles, look to improve

by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

Hard fought victories are what the Maryville girls' basketball team has accomplished in the last week, most recently in a Tuesday night win against the St. Joseph LeBlond Golden Eagles, 37-34.

Maryville had a nine point lead going into the fourth quarter until LeBlond juniors guard Holly Harshman and forward Trisha Sego scored to tie the game with three minutes left. Harshman had a chance to send the game into overtime with 7.5 seconds left when she was fouled and went to the free throw line. However, she missed both shots.

Head coach Jeff Martin said the 'Hounds need to build up some confidence, despite the offense being slow.

"The girls are trying hard, but everything is too slow and painful for them on offense to let them be themselves and have fun," he said.

The final game of the Park Hill Tournament was a satisfying victory

for Martin and the 'Hounds because they had to overcome a five point deficit with five minutes left in the fourth quarter to tie and send the game into overtime.

"One of the key highlights to the game was (sophomore point guard) Dana Lade making a steal with three minutes left, which motivated the team to win," he said. "With the motivation we were able to cut the lead by two with 33 seconds to go and tie the game with 17 seconds to go to force it into overtime."

Heflin, who along with Lade was selected to the all tournament team, said she was happy to see the tournament end, but enjoyed the experience.

"We played a lot of different basketball we were not used to seeing in regular conference play," she said. "This experience was good for us because the quality of our competition will enable us to be better prepared for conference."

The 'Hounds will take on their first conference game against the Savannah Lady Savages Thursday. Freshman tip-off will be 5 p.m.

Wrestlers place 5th

by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

Being defeated at home by the Midland Empire Conference powerhouse Platte County Pirates, 57-12, did not hurt the determination of the Maryville wrestling team over the weekend.

Maryville placed fifth out of 11 teams with only 11 wrestlers at the Nebraska City Tournament.

Head coach Joe Drake said he was pleased with the way the Spoofhounds performed. Although the team had problems with Platte County, he said the match was closer than it looked.

"Platte County was one of the toughest dual matches in the conference and we just couldn't put together some matches the way we wanted to," Drake said.

The 'Hounds had two first place finishes at Nebraska City with senior D.J. Merrill (135 lbs.) and junior Eric Beacom (152 lbs.).

Merrill and junior Heath Reynolds (145 lbs.) are both ranked fifth individually in Missouri class 1A-2A weight divisions.

Reynolds said he is happy about his accomplishment, but he knows there is still a long way for him to go to get to state.

"It feels good to be ranked in state individually, but you know that everybody that you meet will be trying to beat you," he said.

The 'Hounds face the Lafayette Fighting Irish at 7:30 Thursday at home in conference action.

"It will be a tough, in-your-face style of wrestling because both of us are wanting to pick up the conference win," Drake said.

SPORTS SHORTS

Five earn national award

Northwest took five first team All-America selections and the Coach of the Year award to pace The Football Gazette's NCAA Division II All-America Football Team for 1998.

Bearcats receiving first team honors were senior center Steve Coppinger, senior quarterback Chris Greisen, junior defensive lineman Aaron Becker, senior linebacker Aaron Crowe and senior cornerback Twan Young.

Senior offensive guard Sherman Wilderness was named to the third team, while senior offensive lineman Jay Eilers and sophomore wide receiver Tony Miles received honorable mention.

The Bearcats were among five teams that landed two or more players on the 30-man first team squad. The University of Central Oklahoma placed four on the first unit, while the University of North Dakota, the University of Northern Colorado and Pittsburg State University each garnered two.

In addition head coach Mel Tjeerdsma was named National Coach of the Year.

Soccer program changes

MIAA commissioner Ralph McFillen announced changes in the conference's sponsorship of soccer on Friday.

Effective for the 1999 season, the MIAA will conduct championship competition, for women's soccer.

There has been a rapid increase in the percentage of women's soccer programs at conference schools, which has made sponsorship of the sport a reality.

Four institutions were competing at the varsity level in 1998. Two other schools, Missouri Southern State College and Northwest, fielded club teams last season and will begin varsity play in 1999.

"We are excited about the growth of this sport as well as other women's programs throughout the conference," McFillen said. "This is continued evidence of our members' commitment to gender equality."

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■ Autograph Session at Bearcat Arena with players and coaches (front lobby)

5:30 p.m.

■ Women's Basketball vs. Lincoln University

Halftime of Women's Game

■ City Proclamation presented by Mayor Bridget Brown

Between Games (approximately 7 to 7:30 p.m.)

■ Autograph Session with players and coaches (front lobby)

7:30 p.m.

■ Men's Basketball vs. Lincoln University

Halftime of Men's Game

■ Presentation of Championship Trophies, Coach Mel Tjeerdsma will speak and be joined by captains Chris Greisen, Brian Sutton, Steve Coppinger and Aaron Crowe

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

CONFERENCE CENTER & BEARCAT ARENA

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

■ Bearcat Tailgate Party at University Conference Center

1 p.m.

■ Championship Rally/Awards Ceremony at Bearcat Arena

■ Included in the above event will be the premiere of the 1998 Bearcat Football Highlight Video, presentations of player awards, talks by Coach Tjeerdsma and team captains, performances by the Bearcat Pep Band, Cheerleaders and Steppers as well as comments from Dr. Jim Redd, Athletic Director, President Dean Hubbard and others.

■ Shuttle buses will be available between the Conference Center and Bearcat Arena.

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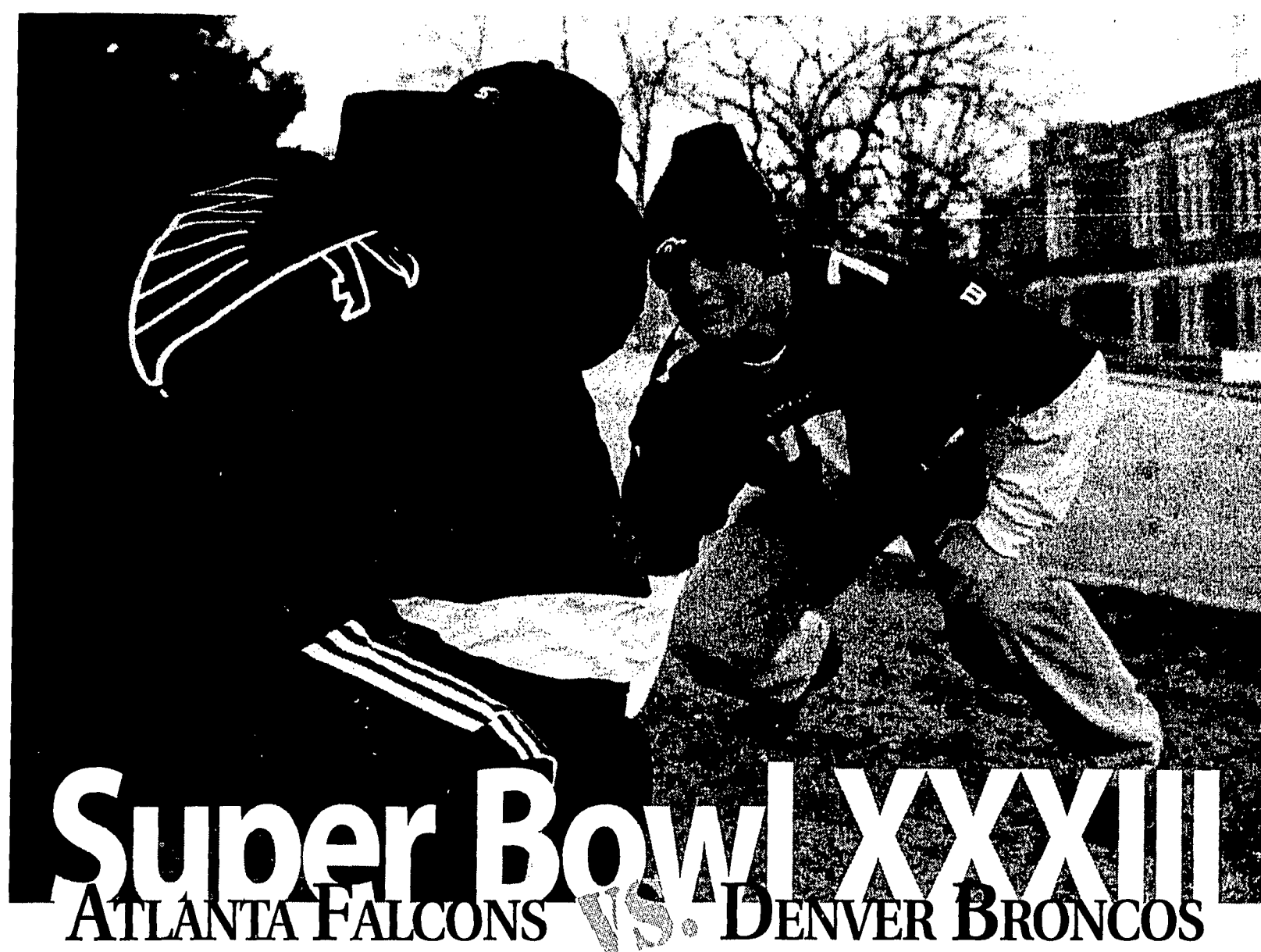
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Super Bowl XXXIII

ATLANTA FALCONS vs. DENVER BRONCOS

by Mike Ransdell, Photography Editor

A team of destiny? How else do you describe the team that is the Dirty Birds?

The Atlanta Falcons have shocked fans of the National Football League this season and most likely some of their own fans as well.

VIEW FROM ATLANTA

"To be a great football team, you've got to have a great coach and they've overcome Dan Reeves's heart trouble and overcome great teams on the field. I think they have a lot of momentum going for them to win the Super Bowl."

■ **Dave DiBernardo**, Atlanta native, Falcons fan, public relations major

Team after team, test after test the Falcons found a way to win.

While head coach Dan Reeves has not been with the team physically all season long, he has been there in spirit. Reeves underwent quadruple bypass heart surgery five weeks ago and already he is pacing the sidelines again. In a word: tough.

That word also describes the team and it's determination to win. No one believed in this team, even when it rolled through the regular season with an incredible mark of 14-2 after a dismal 3-13 record just two seasons ago. The team is made of tough players who can rally around their leader and do the things he taught them, even in his absence.

Players like running back Jamal Anderson and cornerback Ray Buchanan. Anderson is as tough as they come in the "I" formation. He carried the ball over 400 times this season, a new NFL record. Meanwhile, if Buchanan can keep Randy Moss from blowing up he should not have a problem matching up against the Broncos wide receiver tandem Ed McCaffrey and Rod Smith. And how about a blast from the past with defensive end Cornelius Bennett. He is anchoring a defensive line in Atlanta that is dominating off the ball.

This team is stacked. There isn't one weak link. Bronco fans can salute all they want, but the Dirty Birds are going to fly.

by Mark Hornickel, Sports Editor

The defending champion Broncos will be in a familiar place Sunday, when the franchise appears in its fifth Super Bowl.

Although, many believed the Broncos could finish the year with a perfect record, the New York Giants and the Miami Dolphins kept that from happening and gave other teams hope that the Broncos could be beaten. However, Denver has galloped through the playoffs.

While the Minnesota Vikings were said to have the NFL's top offense this year, the Denver Broncos cannot be far behind. Running back Terrell Davis put up remarkable numbers this season. He racked up 2,008 yards and 21 touchdowns on his way to being voted the NFL's Most Valuable Offensive Player.

Next, factor is quarterback John Elway, who, at 38-years-old, is still one of the best in the game. In 1998, Elway passed for 2,806 yards and 22 touchdowns.

In the meantime, his targets, Rod Smith, Ed McCaffrey and Shannon Sharpe, form one of the best receiving combinations in the NFL.

Denver's defense, although it doesn't get the attention it deserves, is just as good. Cornerbacks Darrien Gordon and Ray Crockett provide much of the big-play action, and linebacker Bill Romanowski is always exciting to watch.

If the Falcons plan on beating the Broncos, they will need to get after Davis immediately and exploit the Denver defense by spreading out on offense.

VIEW FROM DENVER

"Denver is going to win. Atlanta is a good team and showed a lot of heart, but they are not ready. Denver knows how to rise to the next level of play. It's been a kind of a Cinderella season for Atlanta. Denver has been there before and they're ready. I don't think the Dirty Bird is gonna fly on Sunday."

■ **Seneca Holmes**, Denver native, Broncos fan, broadcasting major

BY THE NUMBERS

\$625,000 Approximate cost of the Super Bowl rings paid for by the National Football League for the winner. The League pays for up to 125 rings at \$5,000 per ring, plus adjustments for increases in gold and diamonds. The League also pays for up to 125 pieces of jewelry for the losing team.

\$1.6 million Cost of a 30-second commercial aired on Fox during the 1999 Super Bowl.

2.2 million Number of pizzas Pizza Hut expects to sell to football fans on Super Bowl Sunday. Pizza Hut will introduce its newest pizza in 17 pregame commercials.

3 Number of Super Bowl appearances Falcon head coach Dan Reeves led the Broncos to in his 12-year tenure in Denver.

8 Number of Falcon coaches and front office staff who have also coached at Denver.

4 Number of teams to claim back to back Super Bowl titles.

7.5 Number of hours Fox is devoting to Super Bowl pregame coverage, beginning 10 a.m. Sunday on channel 4.

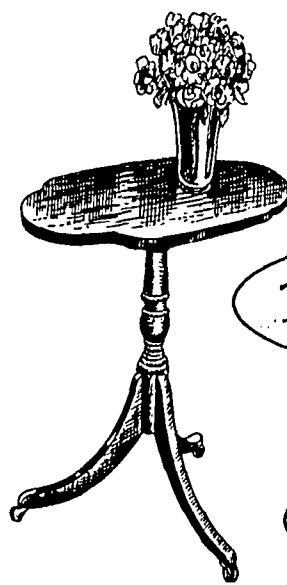
133.4 million Number of viewers in the United States who watched the Denver Broncos face the Green Bay Packers in the 1998 Super Bowl. It was the third most watched program in TV history. The Broncos won. The game was broadcast in 144 countries and territories and viewed by more than 800 million households worldwide.

72,301 Number of fans who attended the 1998 Super Bowl.

5:18 Time Super Bowl XXXIII will begin Sunday evening.

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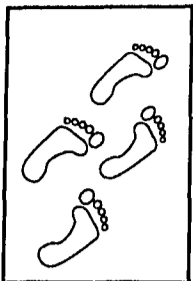
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Weekly Wanderer on crusade to end hillbilly freak show

I made two amazing discoveries this week. One, people actually read this column, and you know who you both are. Two, if you chastise Northwest football in any way, shape or form, prepare to be hunted like a duck. Who knew? It turns out those mob jokes about "cement shoes" and "sleeping with the fishes" can actually happen.

So, after some severe pistol-whipping, I'd just like to say ... WOOW-HOO! GO BEARCATS! CHRIS GREISEN IS OUR KING! WORSHIP FOOTBALL!

There, now my first-born child should be safe.

My friends, I'd like you to pay close attention to what you're about to read. There is something I'd like to get off my chest that I've been trying to ignore for a long time. I had hoped this was a passing trend. I prayed that only a select few really cared about it.

Brothers and sisters, there's an epidemic in our country today that's bigger than cancer, poverty and nuclear war put together. I'm talking about professional wrestling.

This barefoot, backwoods, cousin-kissin', hillbilly freak show is sweeping the nation, and I'm on a one-man crusade to stop it.

People, listen to me. Put down your remotes. Turn away from Pay-Per-View. Friends, there are grown men in Looks Fitness Center as you read this who are eyeing themselves in the wall-to-wall mirrors thinking, "Oh, yea, I'm gonna be a was-ler!"

This must stop now. Do you realize that this vile institution has approved and paid for this side show to take place in our very own Bearcat Arena? I would rather sit through 56 football championship ceremonies than just one night of this tumor on the brain of humanity.

Men, you know who you are. This is a sickness. You will NEVER become famous doing this. Well, one or two of you may eventually govern a state, but that's beside the point.

Take a look at yourselves. Do you honestly think you look good oozing out of bicycle pants and leather vests? Do you believe in your thick skulls that executives at IBM will hire you based on your impres-

sive knowledge of Stone Cold's eating habits?

Get ahold of yourselves. You have mothers and girlfriends. Someday you'll reproduce. Some of you with your mothers. Stop the mayhem, I beg you.

Speaking of ridiculous events taking place on campus, who's the social science major who decided former Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders would make a good lecturer? Stop and think about this for a minute. This is a woman President Bill Clinton fired. She must have really screwed up. I take pity on the janitorial staff that has to clean up the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center after that evening.

And now, allow me to comment on one last ridiculous item: Y2K. To all of you who actually believe you should move to a rural area and trade fur for living needs, SHUT UP!

Who in their right mind believes that with all we've accomplished dating back to the industrial revolution we're actually going to revert back to churning our own butter and lighting candles for heat and light. It's high time all of these computer geeks learned that this is not a perfect piece of technology.

Computers are effective and efficient for the workplace, but they've done little for the average peoples' personal lives except promote introversion.

We all know these people. They're tubby, greasy, social degenerates who believe the sun rises and sets on a screen saver. This is the type of person who's excited that he may never have to leave his home again to buy beef jerky or find a wife. Yeah, what a loss for society this Y2K is.

If anything, this ridiculous "problem" should teach Northwest a lesson as well. You can get all the grants and funding you want for all this technical wizardry that we brag about, but when it comes right down to it we'll be just fine.

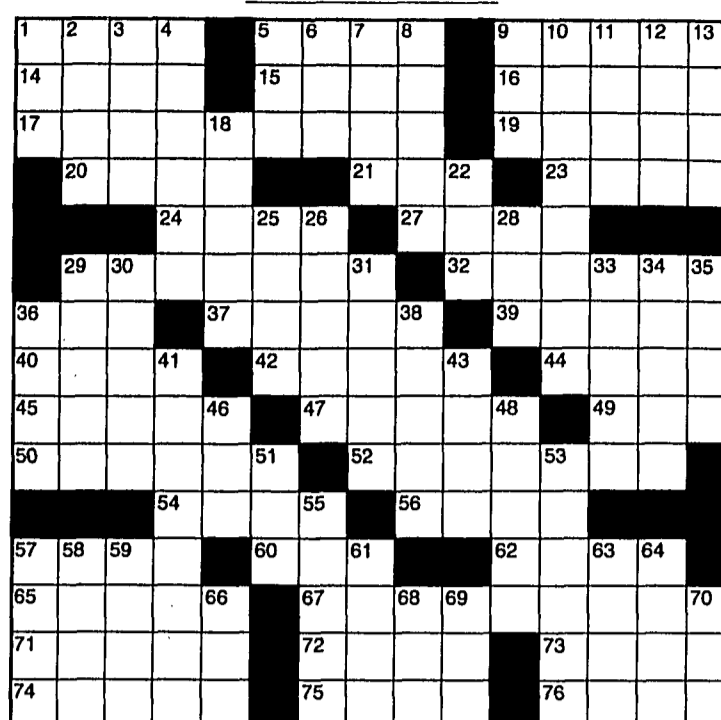
Why? A little thing called human ingenuity. It was here long before computers, and it will be here if they fail.

And if I'm wrong, we've always got wrestling.

Never mind, grab a shot gun.

The Stroller has been a Northwest tradition since 1918 and does not necessarily reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



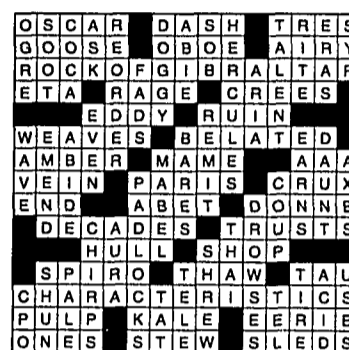
ACROSS

1. Klutz's comment
5. Audubon subject
9. Boy Wonder
14. Golden, for one
15. Gourmet cheese variety
16. Author Rogers St. Johns
17. Air
19. Meringue maker's discards
20. Zippy
21. Heavy barrel
23. Foolhardy
24. Hoofbeat sound
27. Denounce vehemently
29. Smoked unlike Bill Clinton
32. Coats with crumbs
36. Ironie
37. Comes close
39. First name in cosmetics
40. Lampreys
42. Speechify
44. Chronicle
45. Hair covering
47. Expand
49. Arabic letter
50. Term in office
52. Descendants of Shem
54. Emperor
56. Magnetic
57. Actress

DOWN

1. Eye, poetically
2. Couple's pronoun
3. Water sound
4. Quest
5. Telly network
6. Savings plan (abbr.)
7. Jeopardize
8. Restrain
9. Shaft of light
10. Like hydrogen
11. Arabian Jasmine
12. Kinds
13. "Bed Riddance" author
18. "Like a Rolling Stone" singer
22. It's a gift, to some
25. Toast topping
26. Bartlett's, e.g.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



28. Wrath
29. Goodnight,
30. Hosiery material
31. Attracts
33. "I could unfold..." ("Hamlet")
34. Artist who painted ballerinas
35. Tailor's connection
36. Pioneers' direction
38. Brew
41. Like some fried chicken
43. Tarzan portrayer
46. Med. workers

48. Pale purple
51. Ingest
53. Los Alamos nuclear physicist
55. Married again
57. Blowout
58. Culmination
59. Mahayana sect
61. "Diary of a Genius" author
63. Theater box
64. "Blame Rio" (2 words)
66. Depot (abbr.)
68. Govt. regulating agcy.
69. Laugh start
70. White House monogram

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